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BRITAIN'S BUDGET SETS NEW PEACE-TIME RECORD

SIR JOHN SIMON yesterday introduced the United Kingdom's record peace-time Budget.

It calls for the expenditure of £1,285,000,000—over £30 for each man, woman and child in the British Isles.

Revenue is estimated at £942,000,000, leaving a deficit of £380,000,000 which will have to be met from Loans.

There will be no change in income Tax, which will remain at the basic rate of 27½ per cent.

But Surtax will be raised by 5 per cent. on incomes up to £8,000, and by ten per cent. for incomes above that figure.

Death Duties have been increased by ten per cent. on Estates over £50,000.

Motor-car tax has been increased by 10s. per horse-power, making the total now 25s. per horse-power.

The Duty on Tobacco has been increased by 2s. per lb., and on sugar by a farthing per lb.

Excise duties on camera and cinema films and plates has been increased, the addition equalling two-pence on a small roll of film.

The only reductions in taxation are the abolition of the Medicine Stamp duty and a reduction of Theatre Entertainment Duties by 1d. per admission.

Ordinary Defence costs absorb £630,000,000 of the total expenditure.

£380,000,000 DEFICIT MET BY BORROWING

LONDON, Apr. 25.

THE HOUSE was crowded when Sir John Simon, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, introduced his keenly anticipated Budget.

After reminding the House that in the first of his 13 budgets, he had to provide for a grand total of only £53,000,000, the Chancellor said that to-day the budget was 20 times bigger than Gladstone's of 1853, when Gladstone proposed the abolition of income tax.

BIG INCREASES

"Although revenue this year fell short of the estimated mark by £17,500,000, it is still nearly £55,000,000 more than the revenue last year.

"The gross total for defence expenditure of all kinds last year was almost exactly £400,000,000, compared with £265,500,000 the previous year."

While income tax fell short of the estimates, surtax exceeded the estimate of the previous year.

DEFENCE BORROWINGS

Sir John Simon explained that defence expenditure last year from revenue was £254,500,000. They had borrowed £128,000,000, making a total of £382,500,000 for the three defence departments.

With food storage and air raid precautions, the gross total was almost exactly £400,000,000.

Supplementary expenditure for defence was a most serious and important question, and a cardinal issue in the present budget.

He estimated that expenditure for the supply service was £675,000,000.

The total estimated expenditure for air raids precaution services was £42,000,000, of which £37,000,000 had to be borrowed.

The estimated expenditure on food reserves was £5,000,000. The total expenditure from revenue was £922,000,000, apart from defence supplementary expenditure.

Dealing with social services and home expenditure, Sir John Simon said that new internal projects calling for major additions to expenditure were not in the present circumstances possible.

Revenue Prospects

Dealing with revenue prospects, Sir John said he estimated various yields on the existing basis of taxation.

The total estimated expenditure on the existing basis of taxation was £910,000,000.

Some £223,000,000 were available towards meeting this year's defence expenditure.

SIR JOHN ALLSEBROOK
SIMON: Chancellor of Exchequer since 1937; leader of the Liberal National Party.

His son: barrister, chairman of I n d - a - n S t a t u t o r y C o m m i s s i o n, R 101 Inquiry. Home Secretary 1915-16 (resigned), opposing conscription, 1935-1937; Foreign Secretary 1931-35. A.P. married; son, two daughters; is 65.



Opposition Demands More Taxes!

LONDON, Apr. 25.
IN THE COURSE of the debate which followed the Chancellor's Budget speech, Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the Opposition, complained that the Chancellor was not really facing the problem of colossal expenditure, but was passing it on.

Sooner or later borrowing was going to fall on the poorest of the poor.

"Sooner or later and the sooner the better we shall have to come down to taxation of accumulated wealth, instead of creating enormous indebtedness on which interest must be paid," Mr. Attlee said.

Unimaginative

Sir Archibald Sinclair, leader of the Liberals, described the budget as pedestrian and unimaginative.

He believed the people's goodwill and patriotism, of which Sir John Simon had spoken, would be greatly fortified if the taxpayer was convinced that the Government was seriously tackling the problem of expenditure.

"Let us be certain that the great expenditure on armaments is being economically administered," declared Sir Archibald.

Mobilising Wealth

"In the meantime, private expenditure, especially luxuries should be prevented from competing with the national re-armament effort."

While supporters of the Government are demanding the conscription

HITLER SNUBS BRITAIN

Refusal To See
Ambassador

BERLIN, Apr. 25.

NAZI SOURCES to-day indicated that Hitler will ignore the British attempts to persuade him to soften his speech on Friday.

The Fuehrer is snubbing the British Ambassador.

Informed circles also expressed doubt whether the German Foreign Minister would be able to receive Sir Neville before Friday.

They said Herr Ribbentrop is "very busy" conferring with the Yugo-Slavian Foreign Minister, with whom he expects to secure close economic and political collaboration.

Political circles here expressed the belief that Hitler will coolly receive the British Ambassador's message, and that there is little chance of the Fuehrer softening his speech.

Unmistakable Snub

British sources in Berlin regard Herr Ribbentrop's and Herr Hitler's failure to receive the British Ambassador as "an unmistakable snub."

Sir Neville Henderson has not received a reply to his request for an interview with Herr Ribbentrop and has not even received a suggestion for a future appointment.

Last Minute Change?

Berlin, Apr. 25.
Late this evening, it was stated on reliable authority that Herr von Ribbentrop will receive Sir Neville Henderson to-morrow, or on Thursday.—*Reuter*.

Interview Postponed

The interview which Sir Neville Henderson was expected to have to-day with Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop did not take place.

It was explained that Herr Ribbentrop's engagements did not permit the meeting.

No arrangement was made for an interview at a subsequent time.

If, as has been suggested, Sir Neville Henderson has a message to

Europe's Defence Measures Denmark Calls Up More Men

COPENHAGEN, Apr. 25.

THE DANISH Ministry of State to-day issued a communique saying that 6,000 men will be called to the colours immediately, instead of waiting for the ordinary autumn manoeuvres.

Similar measures are being applied to the Navy, making the total of men called up for the Army and Navy between 8,000 and 9,000.—*United Press*.

German Hold On Yugo-Slavia

LONDON, Apr. 25.

British sources state that Germany is attempting to tighten her hold on Yugo-Slavia with a five year £10,000,000 credit which will permit Yugo-Slavia to buy German armaments and exchange cereals for cattle.—*United Press*.

State Visit To Rome

Rome, Apr. 25.

A State visit by Prince Paul of Yugo-Slavia to Rome was announced on the occasion of the meeting between the Italian and Yugo-Slav Foreign Ministers in Venice.

The visit will take place in the middle of May.

The Regent will leave Belgrade on May 9, and will stay in Rome for several days as the guest of the King-Emperor.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Talks In Berlin

Berlin, Apr. 25.

Conversations between M. Marcovitch and Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop were opened at the German Foreign Office shortly after 6.30 p.m. to-day.

This first meeting lasted for about an hour, and it is understood to have assumed a positive character, and to have been conducted in a cordial spirit.

It is learnt on good authority that this initial interview revolved around the main question of rapprochement between Yugo-Slavia and Hungary, seen as a prelude to increased collaboration on the part of Yugo-Slavia with the anti-Communist Powers.

It is confidently predicted that the conclusion of a treaty of amity between Yugo-Slavia and Hungary will be the outcome.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Talks In Bucharest

Bucharest, Apr. 25.

M. Potemkin, deputy Soviet Foreign Minister, arrived here to-day from Leningrad.

He was met by an official of the Rumanian Foreign Office, and members of the Foreign Legation, as well as a party of police detectives who have been assigned the task of protecting him during his journey through Rumania.

Later Potemkin left in a private car for Giurgiu, when he crossed the Danube to continue his journey through Bulgaria to Turkey.

It is stated that while still on Bulgarian soil, he was met by a Turkish percentage of high rank.

It is learnt that M. Potemkin did not get into touch with any Rumanian political quarters while passing through the country.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Gibraltar's Defence

LONDON, Apr. 25.—The condition of Gibraltar's defences, particularly air raid protection, was described as satisfactory by Mr. Leslie Horne-Bellah, Secretary for War in the House of Commons to-day.

He added that more anti-aircraft guns had been sent to Gibraltar since September, and all necessary precautionary measures had now been taken.—*Trans-Ocean*.

"United Press" quotes the War Minister as saying that "every practicable precaution has been taken for Gibraltar to resist attack"—*United Press*.

London Parleys

LONDON, Apr. 25.

Further conversations were held between M. Gafencu and Viscount

CALLING MAN-POWER TO COLOURS

CONSCRIPTION NOW CERTAIN FOR BRITAIN

LONDON, Apr. 25.

A MEASURE of conscription is now regarded as certain.

"Reuter" understands that the Cabinet agreed on principle last night, and a two-hour meeting of the Cabinet to-day devoted consideration to specific proposals to be put before Parliament.

An announcement will be made in the House of Commons at the earliest possible moment, and it is expected that a bill will be introduced as speedily as possible, to provide the necessary powers for the particular form of compulsory service which will eventually be decided upon.

The Cabinet will hold the ordinary weekly meeting to-morrow.—*Reuter*.

Surprise Cabinet Meeting

LONDON, Apr. 25.

A surprise meeting of the British Cabinet was held at 6.10 p.m. to-day.

It is rumoured that the Cabinet dealt with the questions of imminent conscription and also the British negotiations with Moscow.—*United Press*.

Young Men First

LONDON, Apr. 25.

It is understood that the age group contemplated as the first step in the Government's conscription plans is from 18 to 20.—*Reuter*.

Announcement Soon

LONDON, Apr. 25.

That under certain conditions England must introduce compulsory military training was agreed upon by the British Cabinet during its Monday evening meeting, according to the "Daily Telegraph."

An announcement to this effect will be made in the near future, it is stated, unless a definite change in the international situation becomes apparent.

It is assumed that the first step would be to call up about half of those between 18 and 20 years of age taking into consideration those who would be regarded as indispensable to the various occupations.

The "News Chronicle" publishes a similar report stating that compulsory service would be introduced which would soon evolve into a regular military service.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Equal Obligations

Paris, Apr. 25.

Public demand in France that England should make the same preparations for any possible military action as France, is being more and more emphatically raised.

The "Petit Journal" declares that the only possible basis of collaboration between England and France could be that of absolute equality of obligations.

"It is not permissible that French workmen and peasants should be able to say: 'We have to face guns, but the English only need to supply material and money!'"

"Le Matin" writes that in a possible war of the future it is not alone a matter of how many divisions it will be possible to raise, but also the possibility of being able to utilise them on the spur of the moment.

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OFFICIAL FRENCH PROTEST

Japanese Planes
Over Indo-China

CHUNGKING, Apr. 25.

CHINESE OFFICIALS to-day told the United Press that French officials have lodged an official protest to Japan against Japanese planes flying over the Indo-China border on April 13 during a Japanese raid on Meng-tze.

They declared that the French authorities have said they will take "suitable action" if the Japanese manoeuvre is repeated.

It is supposed here that such action would include anti-aircraft fire and French plane attacks.

Chinese officials said the Japanese manoeuvre is not only a violation of Indo-China territory but also must be viewed seriously from the Chinese viewpoint, as China has no observation posts in Indo-China in order to warn the western cities of the approach of Japanese raiders.

It was pointed out that the Japanese planes, by flying over Indo-China, can approach their objectives—unseen, thus—preventing Chinese planes from taking to the air defensively and preventing civilians from seeking shelter because of lack of time.—*United Press*.

LATEST

Conscription Announced

LONDON, Apr. 25.

The British Cabinet has decided to introduce a Bill to Parliament for immediate conscription which will be coupled with the proposal for provisional restrictions of armament profits.

In order to make the measure more acceptable to trade unions and labour bodies which have so far opposed it the Government is also sponsoring a scheme for slashing arms profits.

A Cabinet spokesman to-day predicted that if labour continues to fight compulsory service, labour leaders will be subjected to tremendous pressure from the rank and file.—*United Press*.

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Further Late News

NEW BELGIAN CABINET

BRUSSELS, Apr. 25.

THE FORMATION of the Belgian Senate following the Parliamentary elections was completed to-day by the supplementary election of 42 Senators by the Senate itself.

The Catholics now have 62 seats in the Senate instead of 57, the Socialists have 61 compared with 60, the Flemish have 25 against 19, and the Flemish Nationalists have 12, as compared with nine previously.

The Communists have retained three of their former seats, while the Flemish have been reduced to four Senators, losing eight seats.—*Trans-Ocean*.

Cabinet's Policy

Brussels, Apr. 25.

At to-day's meeting of the Cabinet, Premier Pierlot read a statement of policy which he proposes to make to the Senate and Chamber.

It is a main task incumbent on the new Cabinet, the statement mentions,

the preservation of Belgium's independence on the basis of the union of all the Belgians, constitutional reform, and the improvement of the country's economic and financial situation.

Regarding foreign policy, Belgium will continue to adopt an attitude of strict neutrality.

The Cabinet will demand special plenipotentiary powers for the King to enable him to make urgent decisions on military, economic and budgetary matters.

Additional resources for combating unemployment and for other social purposes, as well as for national defence, will be created.

In conclusion, the statement says that political, economic and financial difficulties confronting Belgium do not justify anything resembling panic.

The country requires energetic leadership, since for some time public institutions have been a prey to dis-order, business has to a large extent been paralysed, while Belgium's foreign relations have not been entirely satisfactory.—*Trans-Ocean*.

THEY KEPT HIM SHUT IN A ROOM FOR TWO YEARS

Parents Sent To Prison For Cruelty

SHUT up for two years in a room, a 16-year-old Newport (Monmouthshire) boy, when found by the authorities, had

Hair that reached to his shoulders;
A face the "colour of wax";
Bleeding feet, and
Shoes that were so small that his soles protruded over the bottom of them.

Sentence of three months' imprisonment, each with hard labour, was passed on the parents, Gladys Buck, a fortune-teller, and William Buck, a boatman, for ill-treating and neglecting the boy, William.

Describing the case as "most unnatural and most damnable," Mr. D. W. Evans, the prosecuting solicitor, said:

"This woman, for reasons best known to herself, decided that the outside world should not see the boy, and he was to be confined in a particular room or house for an indefinite period."

"GONE TO SEA"

The prosecution's theory was that she intended to make use of the boy in connection with her fortune-telling business.

An Inspector of the N.S.P.C.C. who called at the house was told on numerous occasions that the boy was out looking for work or had gone to sea.

On the last occasion, however, William Buck said to his wife: "Tell them the truth. He is upstairs. He has not been out for two years. Take the gentlemen up to see him."

The woman tried to stop the inspector and a police sergeant from going upstairs. She took up a chair and tried to hit them with it. A warrant was obtained and when the inspector and sergeant returned to the house the woman violently assaulted them.

"IN DARKNESS"

"The room in which the boy was found was in darkness," Mr. Evans

said. "He was in a terrible condition, although he appeared to be well nourished."

Police-Sergeant Dale said that the woman struck him with a chair and frustrated every effort he made to persuade the boy to leave the room. The man was frightened of his wife.

Inspector Richard Jones, of the N.S.P.C.C., said the woman did not deny that the boy had been kept there for two years. The father said the boy had done one week's work since he left school.

The mother said in evidence: "It is all lies. I have got five children and I have never had a complaint from the school. They are always tidy and well nourished and very good scholars."

"ATE ALL DAY"

The boy, she added, ate all day. He had access to the pantry and could eat as much as he wanted.

"I begged him to go out and so did his father," she said, "but he would not. Once when I tried to cut his hair he said he would lock himself in the bedroom."

"He is a bit too big for me to handle and that was the trouble."

The boy was later taken to Woolston House, Newport, which is controlled by the Public Assistance Committee, where he is to be cared for.



RECENT PHOTOGRAPH of Dr. H. H. Kung, China's Minister for Finance, with whom the British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, conferred during the week-end.

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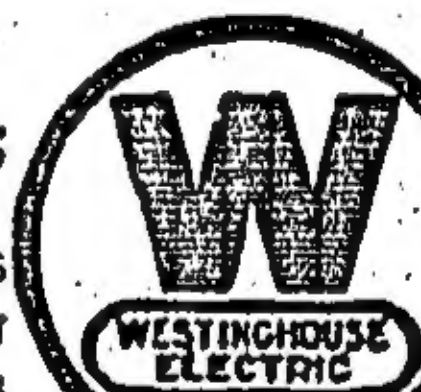
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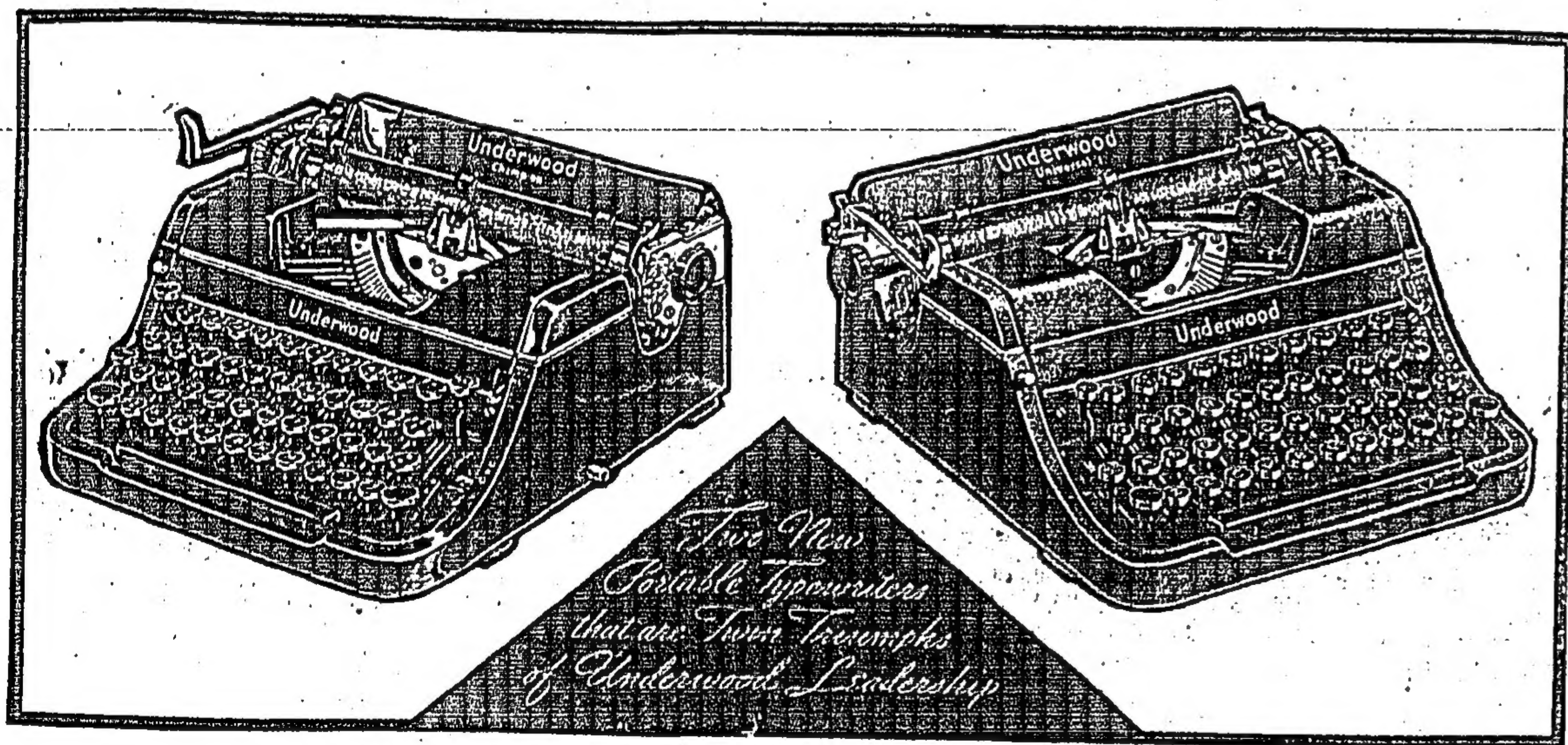
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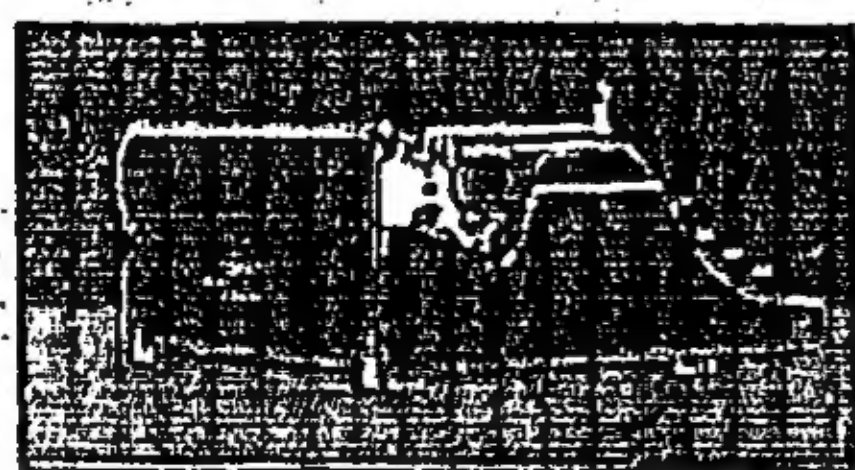
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A large workshop has been laid out for mass production at the rate of 50 a week.

At one end arrive sets of wooden panels from the sawmills. Carpenters (formerly motor-body builders) assemble them and they pass—looking like mass-produced coffins rather than life-savers—to the spray-paint section. From there they go to the finishing bay, where chromium-plated fittings, rubber-rolls, and equipment are attached.

The patient lies inside the "lung" on a mattress with his head protruding through a soft rubber air seal.

Bellows, operated by a small electric motor, alternately fill and empty the cabinet with air in "gasp" which automatically expand and collapse the patient's lungs.

One iron lung is always kept ready packed to answer emergency calls.

Such a call was received recently from Uganda. The apparatus was rushed to Southampton and taken all the way by air. It arrived three days later—just three hours too late. One despatched to Lincolnshire after an emergency call received at 5.30 p.m.; reached its destination and was met by the doctor who had the patient breathing in it the same night.

Throughout the Empire lungs have been ordered by places as remote as Hongkong, Tanganyika, Falkland Islands, Seychelles Islands, Laos, Nyasaland, Barbadoes, Kumasi, and Sarawak.

So far 158 orders have come from Australia alone. Three for the Australian Surf Life-saving Association at Sydney, for use on people saved from drowning.

Britain Will See More Of Its Army

Mr. Hore-Belisha, Secretary for War, replying to a Commons question recently said it was proposed that an Army mechanized—demonstration column should make a tour in June and July, and that displays illustrating progress in mechanisation should be on view at various exhibitions throughout the country.



AIR RAIDS: This is what air raids meant to Hongkong recently. Rows of buildings were shattered by the Japanese bombs, and for days afterwards soldiers and civilians worked among the debris, searching for bodies, as this picture shows.

Magicians Challenged By Spiritualists

THOUGHT-READING ACT LIBEL SUIT

A LIBEL action was brought before Mr. Justice Singleton and a special jury recently by the Zomahs, professional magicians, who said they had been challenged by spiritualists to reproduce a medium's performance.

Madam Zomah told the judge she preferred not to disclose the details of a trick known as "The Unsolved Mystery."

Complaining of an article in "Psychic News," and a contents bill of the paper, the Zomahs—Mr. Alfred James Giddings and his wife, Mrs. Adelaide Ellen Giddings, of Alexandra Drive, Gipsy Hill, S.E.—are suing Psychic Press, Limited, publishers; Mr. Maurice Barbanell, editor; Peverleys, Limited, printers; and Horace Marshall and Son, Limited, distributors.

All of them deny libel. Messrs. Marshall also pleaded that they distributed the publication in the course of their business, without knowledge of its contents.

UNSOLVED MYSTERY

Mr. Ewen Montagu, K.C., for the Zomahs, said they were well known conjurers who more than 30 years ago evolved a thought-transference

act called "The Unsolved Mystery." Zomah moved about the audience and never spoke. Madam Zomah, blindfolded on the stage, would identify articles and read the numbers of bank notes handed to him.

Zomah was president of the Institute of Magicians, a body which he founded.

Counsel said that Mr. Maurice Barbanell invited 20 members of the Institute of Magicians to see a performance by John Kelly, a medium, who purported to be able to read, while blindfolded, the contents of sealed envelopes and to give messages from the dead.

Mr. Barbanell wrote that he could not allow a public religious service to be interrupted, but the magicians would be entitled to express their views afterwards.

Mr. Justice Singleton: A religious service, with magicians present? He added that Zomah came to the conclusion that Kelly, though a magnificent showman, was a fraud in claiming mediumistic powers.

A CHALLENGE

Mr. Barbanell challenged any members of the Institute to give a similar demonstration. The Institute asked the Zomahs to take up the challenge.

They found it was going to be quite easy to do the reading of envelopes. It was a trick they knew, though they had never done it in public before.

The production of a disembodied voice they decided, quite frankly, they could not do, because neither of them was a ventriloquist, but it was a thing which could be done by any ventriloquist.

As to messages from the dead, they caused inquiries to be made about people going to the performance, and discovered facts about people who had lost relatives.

Mr. Montagu said the Zomahs gave their performance at Conway Hall on January 26, 1938, with complete success, and without interruption.

"CLUMSY COPY"

On February 5, 1938, the "Psychic News" published a report which, Mr. Montagu said, was a sneering attack. The article was headed: "Conjurors' Farcical Attempt to Emulate Kelly. Audience Laugh at Clumsy Copy of Psychic Demonstration."

It stated that: "Even as a conjuring entertainment it was childish and amateurish and would have been interesting possibly to a kindergarten," and referred to "three obvious confederates" in the audience.

Madam Zomah, in evidence, said she and her husband had been per-

forming "the unsolved mystery" for over 30 years.

Mr. Justice Singleton: And hasn't it been solved yet?

"No," she replied. "Nobody has been anywhere near it, though there have been a number of attempts. It is an invention of my husband's."

TRICK KEPT SECRET

Reading of messages in sealed envelopes was a very well-known trick, Madam Zomah continued.

Mr. Justice Singleton: You are not going to tell us how it is done? Madam Zomah said that if she were asked she was willing to explain the trick, but she preferred not to do so, as an object of the Institute of Magicians was to prevent the disclosure of tricks.

Mr. St. John Field, K.C. (defending): Blindfold or not, you can see what your husband is doing, can't you?—Unless the judge makes me, I refuse to give away the secret that has been my living for many years.

In evidence, Zomah said that he was an architect, who did amateur conjuring, until he thought out the "Unsolved Mystery."

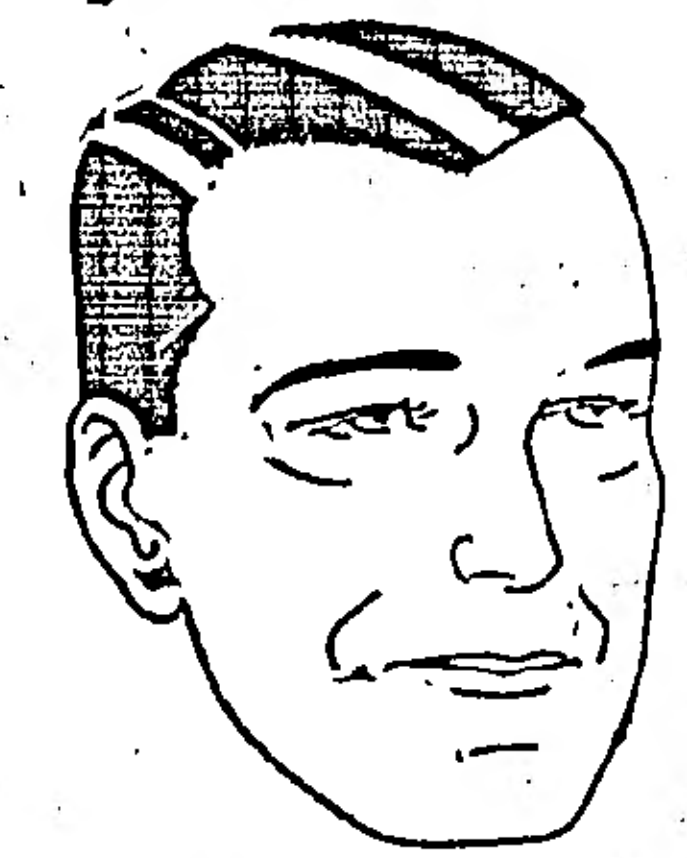
Mr. Justice Singleton: When did you get married?—In 1902. "And you have been thinking it out over since?" said the judge, amid laughter.

The hearing was adjourned.

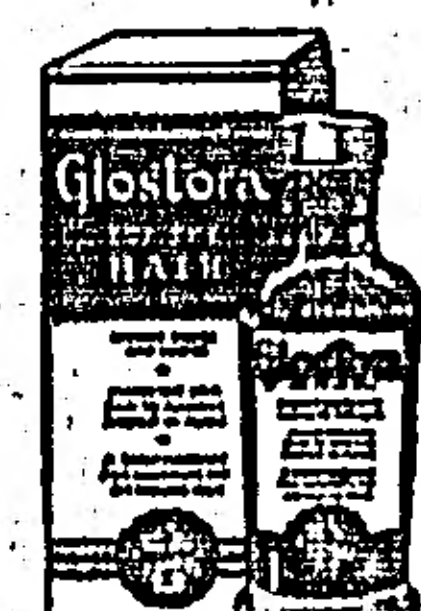
LETTUCE LAND BOASTS

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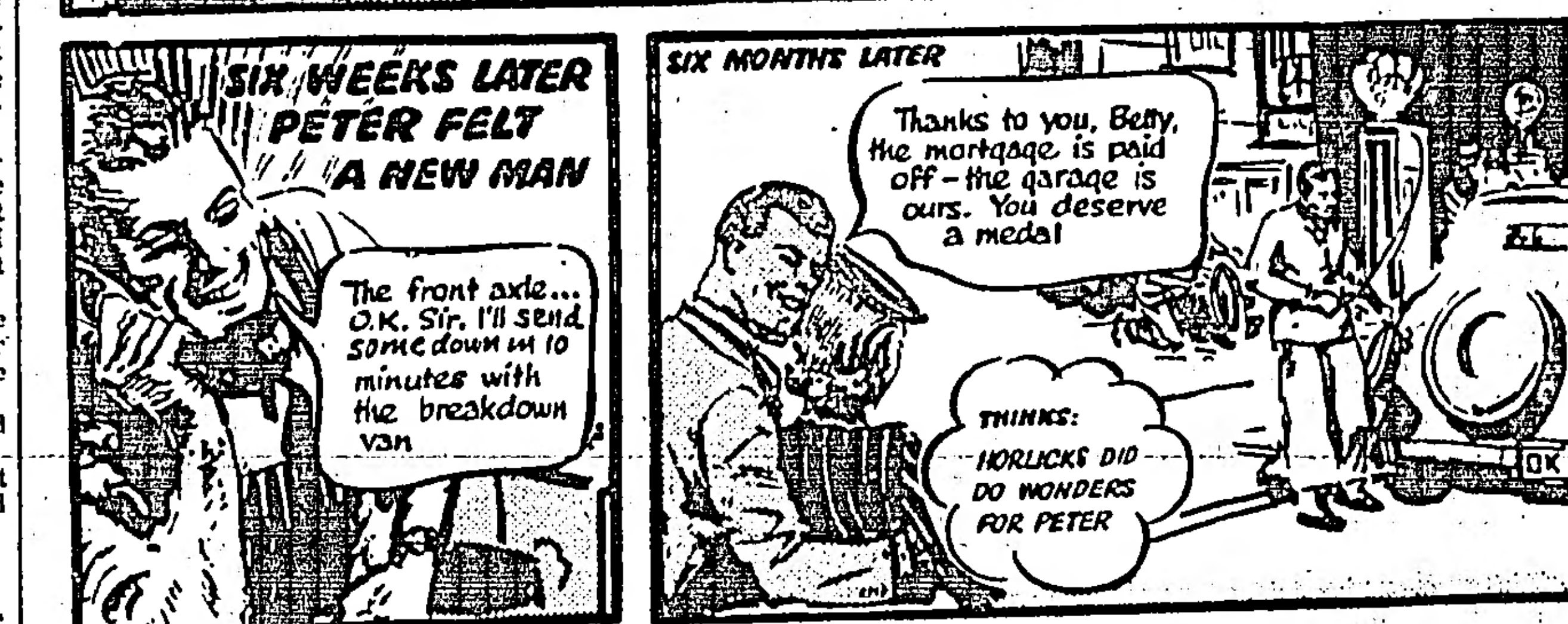
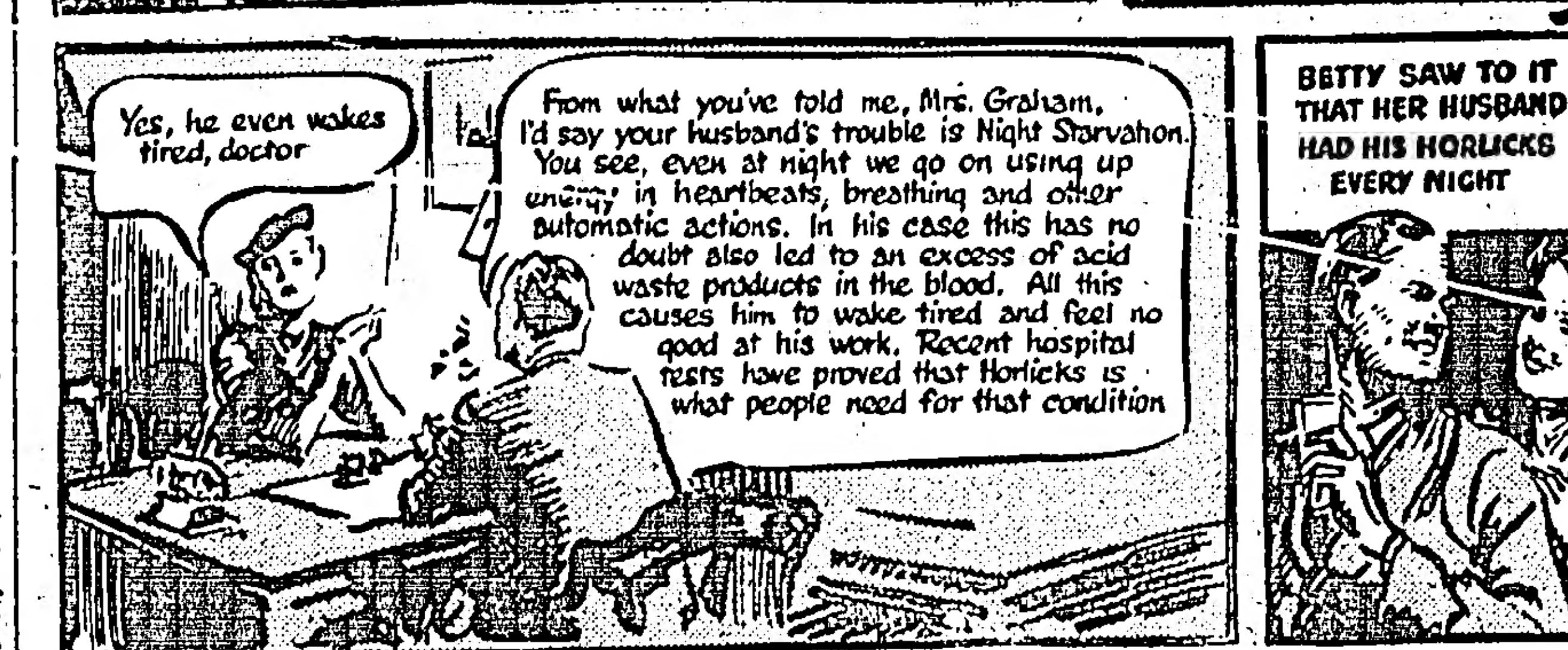
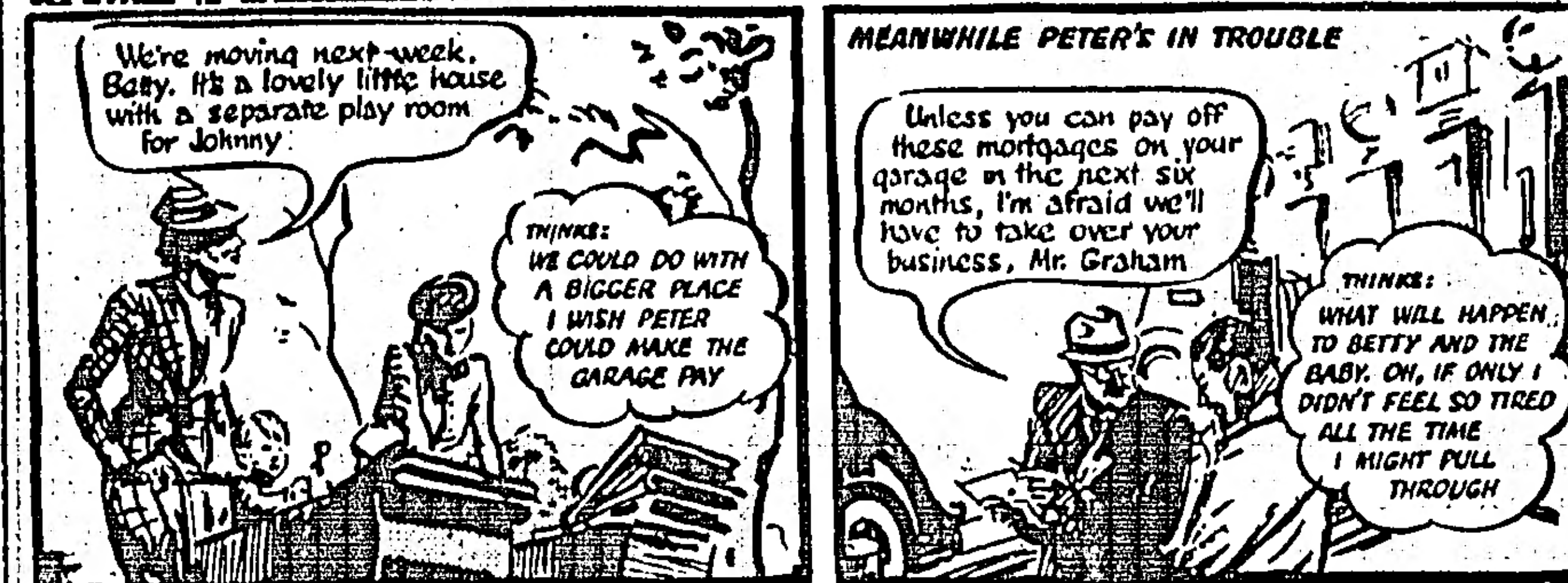
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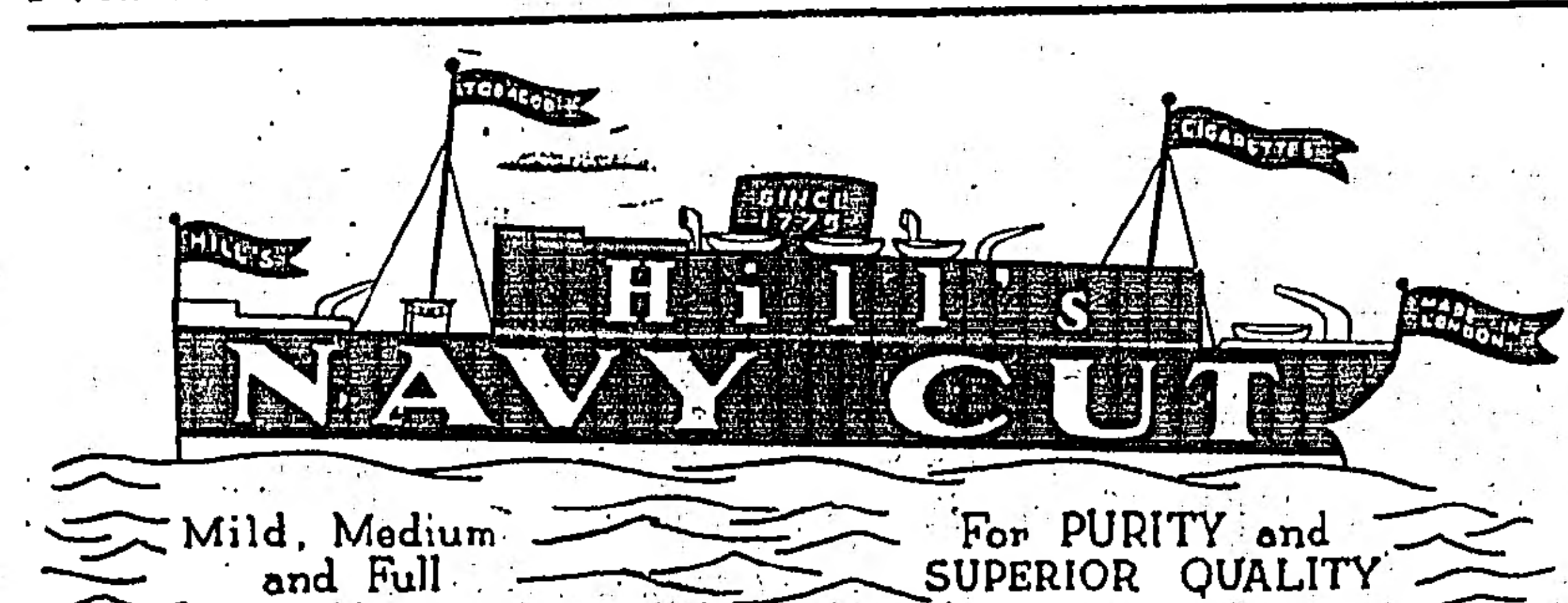


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ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON Amusing Experiences Related Of Articled Clerk Days

An interesting and amusing talk on his experiences as an articled clerk in London thirty years ago was given by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., to the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday.

The meeting was presided over by Major R. D. Walker, who welcomed the following Rotarians—Y. G. Chen, of Chengtu; W. O. Noddes, of Hornsey; Van der Schalk, of Canton; and the following guests—Messrs. S. C. Church, J. Fraser Brown, R. A. Wadson, D. Black, H. R. Forsyth, S. T. Butlin, H. J. Mackenzie, of Vancouver; H. S. Higginbotham, of Mandalay; Paul M. Hodgson, C. H. Liu, F. G. Maund, and George Haynes, of Shanghai.

Mr. Brown said: "When your programme secretary asked me to address this distinguished society to-day, I accepted with extreme diffidence. I told him that the only subject I thought I was competent to speak on was the life in the City of London in my young days and that I did not think the experiences of a callow and self-conscious youth could be of any interest to you whatsoever. Further, that of all the types of boring, I consider the reminiscent bore to be the worst. However, Rotarian Mitchell assured me that I was mistaken and that as long as I made it amusing you were ready to laugh at almost anything.

A problem which often confronted parents in those days, as I suppose it does now, on the completion of their children's education was what to do with their sons if they had no particular inclination or bent. When I left school I had very decided views as to what I did not want to do, indeed I would have been perfectly happy to have done nothing at all. That obviously would not do and my father having formed a high opinion of the accountancy profession asked me what I thought of it. I could think of no reasonable objection apart from the fact that I had never shown any particular inclination for figures. Let me here dispell any illusions you may have that an accountant must have a mathematical brain. One can become a perfectly competent accountant if one can add, subtract, multiply and divide, all of which I could achieve.

Start in Life

One of my father's friends, a partner in a rising firm of accountants, offered to take me on probation with a view to signing articles subsequently. It was agreed that I should start at the very bottom of the ladder, and so on a certain morning in September, 1905, I hung up my bowler, a 3s 6d model in the general office of Messrs D. D. & Co. in the capacity of junior office boy to commence the battle of business life. I wish I could tell you that I displayed that early promise which has so distinguished the commence-

ment of the careers of so many great men. Unfortunately such would be far from the truth. As an office boy I was not a success. The things I would do with a brushful of water and a press copy letter book would have to be seen to be believed. It was a very confusing life for a dreamy person like myself. There were five partners in the firm, and say for example when the internal office telephone would ring and a voice would say, "Bring me The Times," and then ring off, I could only look round helplessly and say "Somebody wants The Times."

The firm was an important one employing over twenty qualified men and numerous articled clerks and clerks. The senior partner was a figure of outstanding brilliance in the City, and had it not been for his untimely death, the firm would probably have become one of the leading firms of chartered accountants in the world. I shall always remember my introduction to him. He had just returned from America. He hated boys and out of mercy they kept him from him as long as possible. However, the fatal moment arrived when both commissionaires and the senior office boys were out on errands, and the great man's buzzer sounded. Sick with apprehension I stood at the door and told him that the other members of the staff were out. I did not know where they were. The interview concluded by his saying "I am your eyes. Don't stand staring in the glass." And I stumbled from the room I heard him inquire of the junior partner, "What was that?"

An Articled Clerk

Having managed to stay the course as an office boy, at the age of 17 I passed the required examination on educational subjects. I was asked if I would like to be articled. I said "No" without hesitation as I did not contemplate with pleasure the prospect of having to work for five years without remuneration when my friends were making good money, nor of having to wait for one's examinations in the evening when one's friends were walking out with their girls, and from what I had seen of auditing it was unmitigated drudgery. However, wiser counsels prevailed, my objections were overruled, I discarded the life of an office boy and blossomed out in the top hat and tails of an articled clerk and a gentleman.

Incidentally the partner to whom I was articled and who undertook to be my mentor during my apprenticeship spoke to me on but four occasions—once on signing my articles, the second and third times to congratulate me on passing my two professional examinations, and the last time to bid me good bye on my departure for the Far East.

The routine of my articled clerk was less strenuous than that of an office boy. You were supposed to arrive at 9.30 but nobody did. There is a story of an unpunctual articled clerk who on arrival at his office one occasion at 9.50 a.m. happened to run into his principal who admonished him and said: "Mr. Jones, you ought to have been here at 9.30." "Really Sir?" replied the articled clerk "What happened?"

Strict Discipline

Juniors were allotted to seniors and they proceeded to their respective audits by different routes, but with ample time for a cup of coffee on the way. The junior had to be there before the audit papers, the pocket bottle of coloured ink and a clean blotting paper all ready. Discipline was fairly strict. Certain things were definitely low and confined to clerks as distinguished from articled clerks. You had not to let the cuffs of your nappa grow, you had to put your pen behind your ear and contrary to accepted customs of to-day, the figure "nought" must never be called the letter "O." If you called out an amount wrongly nothing was said but you received a smart knock on the shin.

In the office seniors and juniors shared the same lavatories and the

seniors complained of the state in which they were left, attaching the blame of course to the juniors. They posted a notice on the door asking users to leave the lavatories in the state in which they hoped to find them which rather misguidedly, they thought. Next morning they found to their chagrin that one of the juniors had written over their signatures "List of Principal Offenders."

My chief recollection of those days is of being chronically hungry. The venue of the mid-day meal varied as to whether I was flush or broke, from Wilkinson's a la mode boiled beef where you paid 11d. for a plate of hot and cold, to a glass of milk and a slice of buns cake at an A.B.C. at a cost of 2s 6d.

Used to Go Hungry

When working up West, I have even been reduced to a bag of sweets and the National Gallery. I remember once when I was consuming a poached egg on toast at a Lyons, an old gentleman sat down at the same table and rather astonished me by saying grace over his meal. When I had finished he begged me to have another portion at his expense because he had so much enjoyed watching me eat the first.

About this time I came under the supervision of the third partner, who was to have a tremendous influence on my future. He was an ornamental individual, tall, languid, and impossibly turned out. He was well known in the City as "Gawd" and his great friend as "Lord Gawd." He disliked me from the first. He did not kill himself with overwork. On one occasion he was animadverting on the laziness of the British workman and remarked "You see that man over there, I've been watching him for the last half hour and he hasn't done a stroke of work."

One of his aims seemed to be to impress on subordinates that their time was of no importance whatever. He would ring for you and continue to read his paper for five or six minutes whilst you sat waiting and rapidly disintegrating. On one occasion a bold young man finding him immersed in his Morning Post picked up the folded Financial News at the side of his desk shook it out and became equally engrossed. He used to smoke Turkish cigarettes through a long holder, and when passing accounts, he would occasionally drop the ash on to his papers and would prove to blow it over in to yours. The same young gentleman created an impossible situation by finally blowing it back. He did not last long.

Passed Examination

Having passed my intermediate examination after two and a half years, I was occasionally entrusted with the sole charge of an audit. One of my first jobs was the Royal Army Benevolent Association in Victoria Street, and I well remember one day when a dapper little gentleman asked me to sit with him on a sofa and explain the accounts. He said he could never understand why, as the sides of a Balance Sheet balanced, the assets were not always exactly equal to the liabilities. I was easily able to recognize him from his pictures as the late Earl Roberts.

At about this time the rubber boom was at its height and my firm were engaged in the flotation of several companies. This necessitated the staff working all night for three consecutive nights. I found it a wonderful experience, particularly when the whole staff from partners to commissionaires would adjourn for dinner to the Great Eastern Hotel. I was paid overtime, and it seemed to me incredible that my worldly wealth was accumulating at the rate of 1s. per hour.

We had some characters in the office in those days. One old gentleman with a voice like the bull of Boston had a secretary on the floor above. When the old gentleman wanted to talk to him the secretary never dreamed of going to his instrument, but would put his head through the door and shout down. A certain effeminate person rejoicing in the name of Bertram Rupert Hather Baker was of distinctly Latin appearance, and it used to amuse impudent young articled clerks to put their heads round his door and enquire "Vat is 21 price of chestnuts to-day, May?"

Then there were the two men who shaved a room. And had not spoken to each other for five years.

With the final examination approaching, life for an articled clerk

OFFICIAL SECRETS REPORT

London, Apr. 25.—The Select Committee which inquired into the applicability of the Official Secrets Act to Members of Parliament in the discharge of their parliamentary duties have issued a report. They think it is inadvisable to attempt to precisely define the extent of immunity of members from prosecution under the Official Secrets Act.

The Committee's inquiry brought home to members the need for discretion in seeking information regarding matters affecting the safety of the realm, and had impressed upon Ministers that the powers conferred upon the executive must not be used to impede members in discharging their parliamentary duties. The inquiry was the result of the Sandys' case last December.—Reuter.

becomes strenuous. For six months before the examinations practically the whole of his time is occupied with coaching classes and private study. My chances seemed pretty gloomy but to the astonishment of myself, my coaches, my employers, my friends and relations, my number appeared on the list of those successful.

Expected to Know All

A fully pledged chartered accountant is a person of considerable importance at any rate in his own eyes. According to accepted theory, on a salary of £110 per year in those days, he was expected to know the unknowable, see the unseeable.

I wish I could draw a veil on the remainder of my service as a qualified man, but the truth must be told. I was side-tracked to one of those jobs which are the bane of an accountant's existence, any amount of work but little recompense. Consequently whenever my employers saw me the size of their eyes increased and I was made the scape-goat. I could do nothing right and things grew worse and worse. Ultimately the blow fell and one day in front of quite a large audience, reducing me to gibbering inarticulacy, my services were dispensed with. In other words I was fired. Under stress of emotion, I feverishly hunted through the list of situations vacant in the The Accountant to find a job that would take me furthest away from London in general and from my particular firm. There was a position in Hongkong advertised at a salary of £250 per month. My colleagues were not sure whether it was a treaty port, or a Crown Colony, an island or the mainland. On one thing they were agreed however that it was a long way from London and that was good enough for me. I applied for the post and to my surprise was accepted.

A Rude Meeting

One word more about the gentleman who fired me. I saw him no more until my last furlough in 1930 when I attended a dinner at which he was present. I had to say a few words in response to the toast of the guests. I spoke to him after the dinner when he disclaimed any knowledge of having seen me before, which was rather rich, considering I had worked for him for seven years. I asked him if he did not remember firing me. I waved him full marks for his answer. He said "I could never have done it. As I listened to your speech I thought that here was a young man of presence and personality whom I should like to have with me."

Thus it came about that with this stock in trade of those text books on professional subjects, I shook the dust of the metropolis from my feet and set out to make my fortune in the glorious East.

I thank you for your forbearance in listening to this account of my early struggles, and trust it may have afforded you some degree of diversion.

Vote of Thanks

Rotarian E. J. R. Mitchell thanked the speaker whom he said he had known for 25 years. He himself had made his debut in the City of London 25 years ago and amused the gathering by recounting several of his experiences. He expressed the hope that he would have another opportunity of listening to the speaker.

OUTPORT ROTARIANS

Mr. C. T. Wong, when called upon by the chairman to address the gathering, announced that outport Rotarian meetings would be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 12.45 p.m. in the China Building. He invited all those present to attend the first one on May 4.

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12.30 At Bollington at the Organ.
Medley Of Serenades: Intro: Serenade "Frasquita" (Lehar); Serenade "Heykens" (Toselli); Serenade "Heykens" (Toselli); Serenade "Student Prince" (Romberg); Escapade (A Mexican Klompement-Phillips); Lionel Monckton Melodies (arr. Stanford Robinson); Intro: Soldiers in the Park; Chalk Farm to Canberwell Green; Fly away Jack; A simple little string; When I marry Amelia; Grandmamma; Brighten; Moonstruck; Acady is ever young; It's the Drum; Come to the Ball; A Country Girl.

1.246 The Angelus Otel.
Nocturne in E Flat Major (Chopin, Op. 9, No. 2—arr. Hartley); Spring Song—Song Without Words No. 30 (Mendelssohn, Op. 62, No. 4); Cradle Song (Brahms, arr. Hartley); Serenade (Schubert).

1.30 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.35 Gitta Alpar (Soprano) and George Boulanger and His Orchestra. Hungarian March Polpourri (Pecsi-Prichystal); George Boulanger and His Orchestra; Sing Something in The Morning (C. B. Cochran's Revue "Home and Beauty"); No More (C. B. Cochran's Revue "Home and Beauty"); Gitta Alpar (Soprano) with Orchestra; Gypsy Serenade (Boulanger); Tango Torero (Boulanger); George Boulanger and His Orchestra; The Dubarry (film "I Give My Heart"); Gitta Alpar (Soprano) with Orchestra; Caucasian Suite (Ippolitow-Iwanow); George Boulanger and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 Dance Music and Variety.
Organ—Lilac Time—Selection (Schubert); Harry Davidson; Instrumental—Just A Crazy Song (Smith and Williams); Eddie Pearson.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS Delphinus Brings Mail One Day Late

The Imperial Airways liner Delphinus reached Hongkong at 4 p.m. yesterday with the delayed United Kingdom mails and two passengers, Mr. F. Uddin from Calcutta, and Mr. Balfour from Athens.

The following passengers left by the Dorado at 6 a.m. yesterday—Mr. H. R. McMillan and Miss McMillan for Bangkok, and Mr. C. Westall for London.

The plane had been overhauled after the recent engine trouble at Udorn.

AIR SERVICES

Arrivals and Departures

Of Planes
Outward

For London, Australia and British Countries: Imperial Airways 6 a.m. April 28; Imperial Airways 6 a.m. May 2.

For Chungking, Sian, etc.: Euroasia and C.N.A.C., service indefinite.

For U.S.A., via Manila and Guam: China Clipper 8.30 a.m. April 28.

For France, via Hanol: Air France 8.30 a.m. April 29.

Inward

From London, Australia and British countries: Imperial Airways 5 p.m. April 27; Imperial Airways 5 p.m. May 1.

From U.S.A., via Guam, and Manila: China Clipper 12.30 p.m. April 28.

From Chungking, Yunnanfu, Kweilin: C.N.A.C. Euroasia Service indefinite.

From France, via Hanol: Air France 1 p.m. April 20.

Health Enters Plan

Canberra, Australia.

As part of Australia's National Defence Plan, the minister of national health has decided to launch a health programme. "The millions we are now spending on national defence," he declared, "will be largely wasted unless we connect the link between health and national security."

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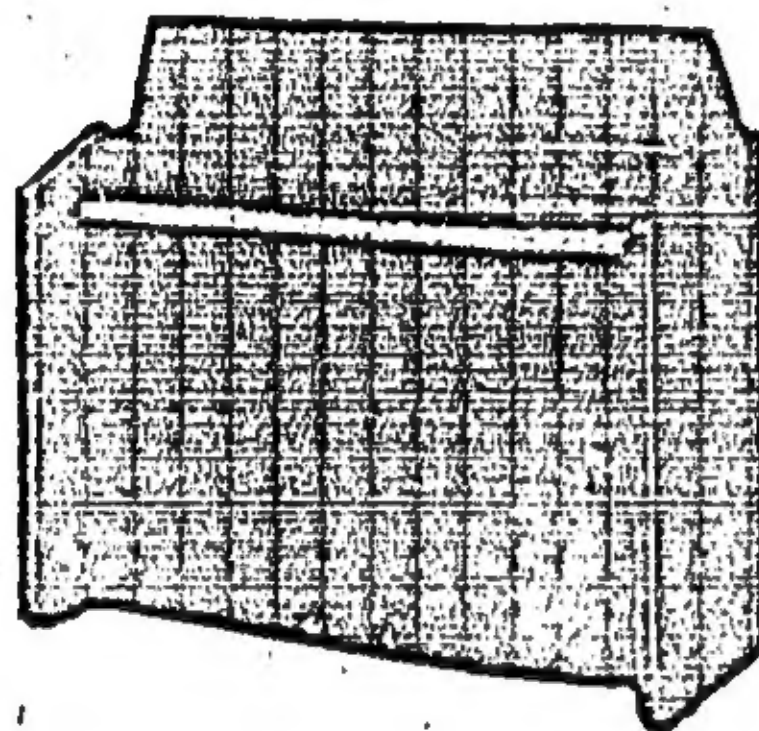


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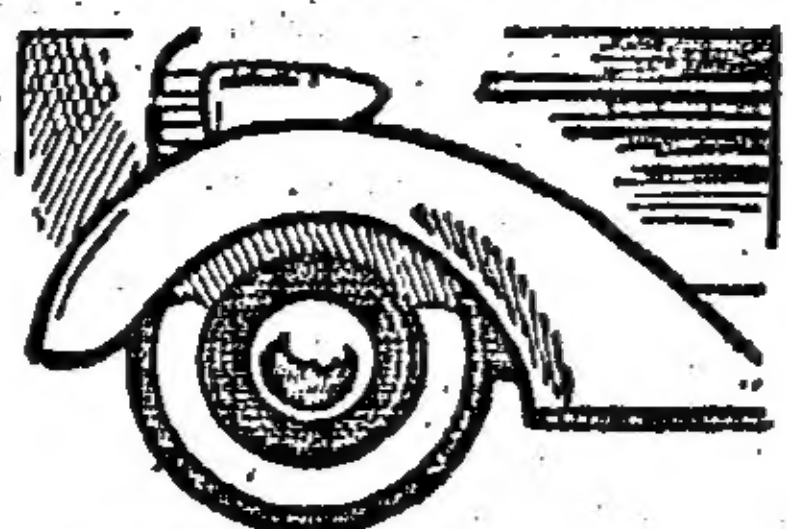


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ing Canada and India occurs on
the twenty-fifth anniversary of the
completion of the Eastern Exten-
sion cable between Aden and
Hongkong.

A reference to the "Telegraph"
files of 1914 shows that this cable,
which was laid by the cable-ship
Colonia, was spliced on April 23,
1914, at a point 260 miles south
of the Colony, thus permitting
direct cable communication be-
tween this Colony and Aden (and
thus England) the first time.

It is no far cry to the time
when cable costs were so exorbi-
tant that their use was for the
moneyed few and commercial
firms. To-day, thanks to Ed-
ward Wilshaw, one of the
world's greatest authorities on
international communications, the
Cable & Wireless Ltd. intra-
Empire service has become in
effect a "penny-postage" cable
scheme for the masses.

Many of the reductions in cable
tolls in the past eighteen months
have been astounding. The latest
reduction, effective on May, per-
mits every exile in this Colony,
whatever his or her means, to use
the world's greatest communica-
tions service at a cost that is but
four times greater than the inland
telegraphic service in England;
that compares favourably, indeed,
with the trans-Continental tele-
graph services in the United
States. With the promise of
radio-telephonic development,
linking Hongkong with over 90
per cent. of the world's sub-
scribers, residents of this Colony
have indeed much to thank the
genius who has made it possible.

A brief biographical sketch of
the Chief of Messrs. Cable & Wire-
less Ltd. would not be out of place.
Edward Wilshaw was born in Lon-
don in 1880, and is a descendant of
Thomas Wilshaw, an Elder Brother
of Trinity House who about 1690
succeeded Samuel Pepys, the
famous diarist, as Comptroller of
the Navy. Wilshaw entered the
service of the Eastern Telegraph
Company immediately after leaving
school, progressed rapidly, and was
eventually appointed the company's
General Manager and Secretary, be-
coming one of the best-known men
in the City of London. He was ap-
pointed General Manager, and

Secretary of the great Empire
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ment merged nearly all communica-
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touch of everyone in the Common-
wealth.

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which the public has benefited
enormously. High cable tolls of
the past have as effectively aided
isolation for the majority of exiles
from Home as if cables did not
exist. Cheap tolls have brought
the four corners of the Empire
much closer together.

THE WALL OF STEEL

MR. BALDWIN de-
clared in 1934 that
"The British fron-
tier is on the Rhine."

In other words he as-
serted that the centre of
gravity of European peace
rested on the Rhine. If at
times it has appeared to
shift to the Yangtse or the
Nile, the Volga, or the
North-West Frontier of In-
dia, to France more so than
to England it has always
been the Rhine that mat-
tered.

To guard herself against any
repetition of the invasion of
1914 and at gigantic cost, not
far short of £100,000,000, the
whole area of the frontier line
has been made by France as
safe as possible.

The first and essential fea-
ture of this vast defence chain
of steel and concrete, covering
forts above and below ground,
is that it is sited on the fron-
tier and not miles behind it.



FRANCE has pinned her
faith on her military
skill to prevent any invasion of
her territory.

But with German forces not
only near by, but bang on the
frontier itself, there is always
the danger of defences being
rushed, suddenly and swiftly.
The new instrument of war—
mechanical armoured weapons
—has changed the entire mili-
tary situation, and an offensive
planned secretly is an ever-
present danger.

After past experience it is
difficult to trust Germany and
to accept her guarantee of
security that such will never
happen.

It might suit Hitler for
France to scrap her mighty de-
fence works built up by 15
years of labour and sacrifice, but
to the outside world such a
suggestion savours of gross in-
sincerity or a complete lack of
appreciation of the true French
position.

France is defended from the
Belgian frontier to the Mediter-
ranean Sea at Nice. The sector
which protects the Italian fron-
tier does not enter into serious
consideration at present.



IT is from the frontier at
the S.W. of Switzerland
(Lake Geneva), past the Jura
Mountains guarding Val d'Aoste,
the Vosges Mountains guarding
Belfort, Nancy and Bitché to
Wissenbourg, then N.W. to
Longwy, Maubeuge and Lille
that is of interest, and most
particularly the sectors from
Strasbourg to Longwy covering
Toul, Metz, Verdun, Thionville
and St. Avold, and the vital in-
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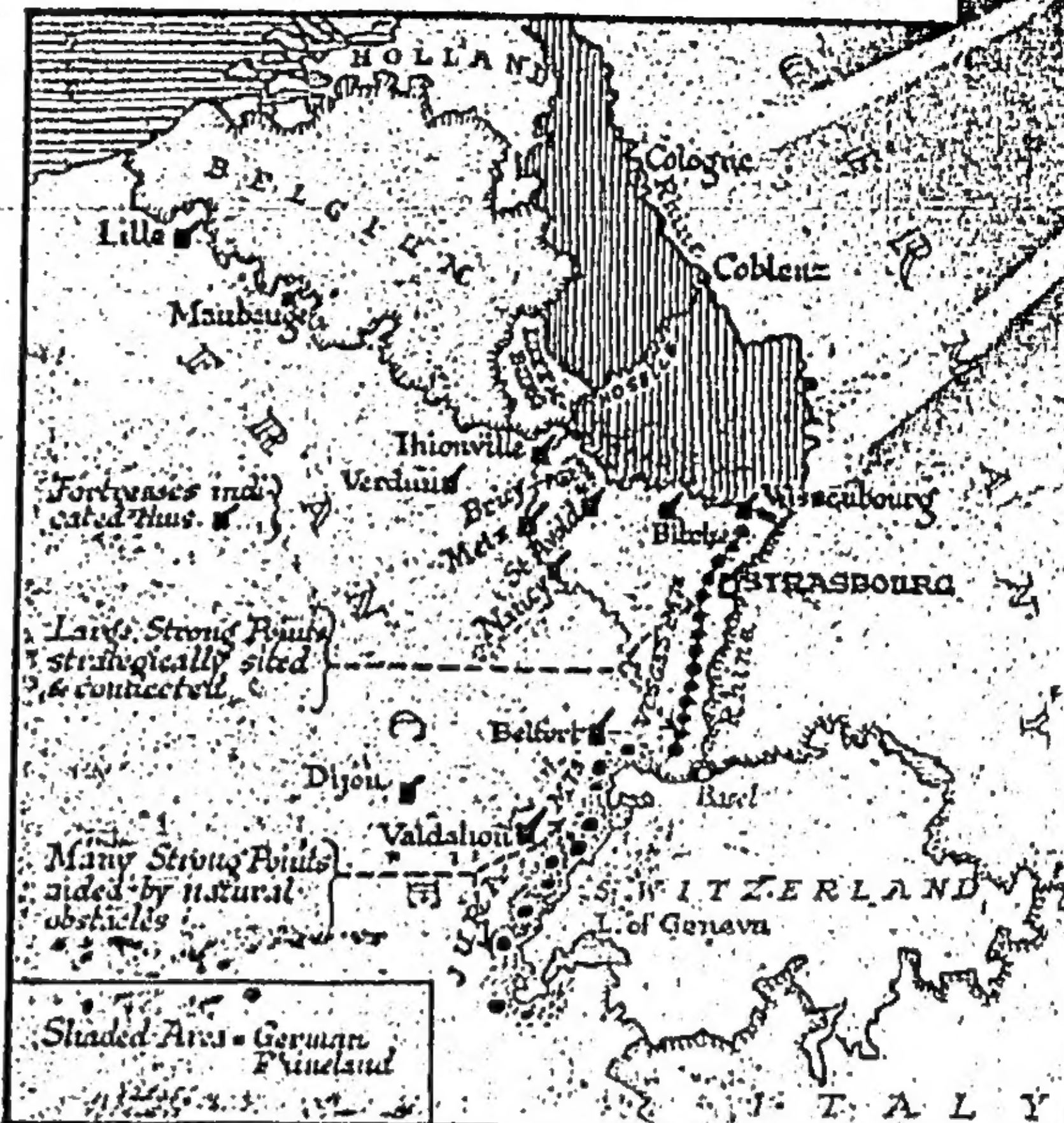
In the construction of these
defences France has never
contemplated a jumping-off
ground for an invasion of Ger-
many, and hence they are not
adaptable as bases for an
attack.



MANY eyes are turned
now to the sector along
the Valley of the Moselle and
southwards to Strasbourg, Ver-

Secretary of the great Empire
combine formed when the Govern-
ment merged nearly all communica-
tion systems throughout the Empire.
His great ambition, now realised,
has been to bring the Empire's
cable and radio services within
touch of everyone in the Common-
wealth.

It has been a great work, from
which the public has benefited
enormously. High cable tolls of
the past have as effectively aided
isolation for the majority of exiles
from Home as if cables did not
exist. Cheap tolls have brought
the four corners of the Empire
much closer together.



"For miles it appears as if the
peaceful countryside had neither
soldier nor fort; under the
green grass of the field the de-
fences lie hid."

By
Major
Reade

objective, "the safety of
France."

Yet France is greatly per-
turbed. Germany has also built
a line of fortifications on her
side of the frontier as much as
to say, "We wait the day;
numerically our greater man-
population will swamp you?"
And then . . .

A Look Through
The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

April 26, 1914.
If our friends of the Sanitary
Board wish to have a genuine ex-
perience of how our beautiful harbour
can smell, we would recommend them
to walk any night after ten o'clock
from the old P. & O. wharf to
Murray Barracks and from the Blue
Buildings to Jardine's godowns at
East Point. And then the Colonial
Surgeon and Dr. Cantlie might in-
form the community what influence
the combination of stinks which
makes night hideous would be likely
to have on the public health during
the hot weather.

The statutory general meeting of
the Peak Hotel and Trading Com-
pany was held at noon to-day, in the
City Hall. In point of attendance it
might almost be held in a
ricksha, for besides the Chairman
(the Hon. P. Ryrie), Mr. J. Ander-
son (director), Mr. W. Thomas
(manager), and Mr. C. Mooney
(secretary) there were only present
Messrs. W. H. Ray, G. Murray Bain,
E. W. Matland, W. Farlane, J. D.
Sonnerville, and W. K. Wyllie.

The Chairman simply announced
that all the shares had been taken up,
and the business was progressing,
and the proceedings terminated.

25 YEARS AGO

April 26, 1914.
In the Legislative Council Cham-
ber on Thursday there was an echo
of the scandalous delays in the build-
ing of Hongkong's Post Office and
Law Court.

A Bill which came before the Coun-
cil for a first time was that which
amends the existing Airships Ordinance
by giving statutory power to
enable force to be used to compel the
descent of aircraft which disobey
the law. Hongkong must, of course,
be thoroughly up-to-date, and it will
be generally agreed that every means
possible should be taken to guard
our little fortified island from the
possibility of invasion. Every year
now, aircraft plays a more important
part in warfare, while the airship
has come to be a most useful adjunct
to would-be spies. Any step there-
fore, such as the present Bill, which
aims at immunity from espionage is
to be welcomed. There is only one
point, however, and that is whether
we are sufficiently up-to-date in
Hongkong to possess anti-aircraft
weapons with which to impose force
on the disobedient aviator? If not,
the Bill will be of small avail.

10 YEARS AGO

April 26, 1929.
Hongkong's deep and sincere affec-
tion for the Royal Family has been
exemplified in the fullest possible
measure this morning. Enhanced by
the news of His Majesty's progress
to convalescence, the arrival in the
Colony of the Duke of Gloucester,
was made an occasion of that public
rejoicing, our Royal Visitor landing
amid scenes of brilliant splendour
and almost unparalleled enthusiasm.

5 YEARS AGO

April 26, 1934.
The small island of St. Helena,
historically famous as Napoleon's
place of exile after the Battle of
Waterloo, celebrated the centenary
as a Crown Colony yesterday.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Haven't you any country without a crisis?"

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Japan

Military Pact Is Turned Down

Tokyo, Apr. 25. Sources close to the Government assert that the inner Cabinet has decided on a fundamental policy under which Japan will avoid participation in a general anti-democratic front unless the democracies co-operate with the Soviet danger to Japan's Far Eastern position.

It is understood that agreement was reached after a stormy session providing for a compromise of a military alliance between Germany, Italy and Japan against the Soviet exclusively, provisions under which the alliance would be broadened in the event of other Powers being actively allied with the Soviet to menace Japan, and co-operation under the anti-Comintern pact providing for exchange of information on military supplies, details of which have not been settled.

The Inner Cabinet consists of five key members and recently it has been very intensively active. After deciding further details the matter is now before the full Cabinet.

Emphasis is placed on Britain's conversations with Russia and Turkey, on which there have been numerous reports and discussions. Col. Takesaki Isomura, military attaché to Turkey, was engaged in a private conversation with General Itagaki for five hours and reported his belief that Turkey was unwilling to co-operate fully with Britain.

A German mission headed by Col. Mendel is at present in Tokyo, carrying out activities of a mysterious nature on which the German Embassy can throw no light. It is believed, however, that pressure is being put on the War Office for an alliance.

The Japanese military attaché in Berlin and Moscow are at present in Tokyo, and also Mr. Nobumi Ito, former Ambassador to Poland and recently on a special mission to Berlin, will return soon.

In the background of the recent negotiations, Mr. Oshima Shirotsu throughout the winter has been agitating for an alliance. On March 20 the Foreign Office instructed the non-communality of a broad alliance. On April 4 Mr. Shirotsu asked for further instructions on certain points which it is reported are now answered with an outline of the basic principles as stated above.—United Press.

INTENSE ACTIVITY

Tokyo, Apr. 25. Political circles in Tokyo are focussing attention on the continuous and intense activity shown by Government leaders in recent days, reportedly in connection with the European situation.

In spite of the day being a National Holiday on the occasion of the Extraordinary Festival of the Yasukuni Shrine, five key Ministers of the Government met in an urgent session at the Premier's official residence this afternoon.

Premier Hiranuma summoned the five-Minister conference including War Minister Itagaki, Navy Minister Yonai, Foreign Minister Arita, and Finance Minister Ishiwata, in the afternoon as a result of the interview between the Premier and the Foreign Minister in the morning.—Domel.

HONOURS DEAD

Japanese Emperor At Yasukuni Shrine

Tokyo, Apr. 25. Proclaiming a National Holiday, His Majesty, the Emperor this morning personally worshipped before the newly-enshrined war dead at the Yasukuni Shrine, in company with many Princes of the Blood. The most solemn moment of the five-days Extraordinary Grand Festival was observed at 10.15 a.m. when, with the sounding of sirens as the signal, the entire one hundred million subjects of the Empire offered silent prayers, as His Majesty stood at attention for one minute before the sacred tree in honour of the souls of 10,300 war heroes who sacrificed themselves for the State in China.

Over 20,000 members of the families of the war heroes picked the precincts of the Shrine. Presented by the Grand Chamberlain, His Majesty offered a branch of the sacred tree to the altar. As the Emperor was offering silent prayers before the sanctuary, Her Majesty the Empress, and Her Majesty the Empress Dowager, also observed one-minute silence in the Imperial Palace.

During the day, over one million citizens, including boys and girls, visited the Shrine.—Domel.

SAGRES SEIZURE: CREW IN HONGKONG

The Captain and crew of the Douglas Company's steamer Sagres, which was seized by the Japanese over a fortnight ago and is at present held in a port between Amoy and Swatow, arrived in Hongkong by the Canton Maru yesterday. They gave no direct account of the obstruction of the Sagres, but a statement was later issued by Mr. S. T. Williamson, Manager of the Douglas Steamship Company Ltd., with the cognisance of the Hongkong Naval Authorities.

The statement is as follows: "The officers and crew of the a.s. Sagres returned this afternoon from the Pescadores in the Japanese ship, Canton Maru.

"Before leaving the Pescadores the Master was informed that the Sagres had been detained for further examination by the Japanese authorities and that her part-cargo of 80 tons of salt would be confiscated. Both officers and men, during their 14 days' detention at the Pescadores, were repeatedly examined by the Japanese authorities as to the bona fides of the ship, her cargo, and ports of call.

"There can be no doubt as to the right of the ship to fly the Red Ensign or of the correctness of her trading. "It will be recalled that H.M.S. Thracian was sent from Swatow to investigate when the news of a threat of seizure was received. H.M.S. Thracian found the Sagres in the hands of a prize crew and under Naval escort. Although strong protest was made by the Thracian's Commanding Officer to the Japanese destroyer Commander the right to board the Sagres was refused.

"Since the seizure of the Sagres energetic action has been taken with the Japanese Naval Authorities and the matter has been referred to the Foreign Office. The result of these protests is not yet known, but in view of the unwarranted detention of the vessel further action will be required to effect the release of the vessel. "The owners and the Douglas Steamship Company, Ltd., who are the charterers, have fully satisfied the authorities as to the bona fides of the Sagres."

Arrival Of Seistan

The Seistan, also belonging to the Douglas Company, arrived from the north yesterday. The Seistan was one of several ships boarded by the Japanese at Sharp Penk, but without untoward result. H.M.S. Scout had placed guards aboard her and the Japanese did not attach her.

Spain

Five-Hour Parade In Madrid

Madrid, Apr. 25. About 140,000 men will take part in the victory parade in Madrid. All corps of the Nationalist Spanish army will be represented by delegations in the strength of from one company to one regiment.

On account of the great heat prevailing in May in the Spanish capital, the parade will not last more than five or six hours. The troops taking part in the parade will therefore march in closely formed ranks.—Trans-Ocean.

CIANO FOR MADRID

Rome, Apr. 25. It is reported that Count Ciano will visit Madrid about the middle of next month which will be about the time of the victory parade in the city by Franco's forces.—Reuter Bulletin.

DUKE OF ALBA

London, Apr. 25. The Duke of Alba, who returned from Spain on Monday, visited the Foreign Office to-day. Spanish sources say that the visit of the Ambassador to Burgos was for information only.—United Press.

FRONTIER DEFENCES

Paris, Apr. 25. The Spanish Government has invited all foreign journalists in Spain to inspect the Spanish-Portuguese frontier and the frontier district near Gibraltar, it is reported by the French Radio Agency to-day. The Spanish Government wishes to give the opportunity to the press representatives of the great democracies to see for themselves that the report spread about Spanish war preparation are unfounded.—Trans-Ocean.

SYRIAN QUESTION

French High Commissioner Reports to Chamber

Paris, Apr. 25. The French High Commissioner in Syria, M. Puaux, made a lengthy report to the Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, on the Syrian situation yesterday. The entire Syrian problem is to be exhaustively discussed at a ministerial conference in the presence of M. Puaux to-morrow.

The Foreign Committee of the French Chamber in one of the next meetings will try to ask how far France could keep the promise given in 1930 by the popular front regime of M. Leon Blum to Syria regarding its future independence.—Trans-Ocean.

Pressman Expelled

Rome, Apr. 25. The well-known American journalist, Richard Mowrer, who for some months past has represented the Chicago Daily News as correspondent here, has, it is announced, been ordered to leave Italy within one week. The expulsion is motivated by the general political attitude of Mowrer.—Trans-Ocean.

Warning To Hitler

BRITAIN TO BACK ROOSEVELT

London, Apr. 25. Sir Neville Henderson is expected to see Herr von Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister, in Berlin to-day.

It is generally assumed says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, that the British Ambassador will take the opportunity of stressing certain fundamental points of British policy, including the determination that any further aggression must be resisted. At the same time he is expected to make it absolutely clear that in no circumstances is encirclement of Germany intended.

The Ambassador may well point out that British policy remains a policy of peace, but at the same time it is held essential that the dangers inherent in recent events be brought to an end.—Reuter.

Support Roosevelt Plea

London, Apr. 25. According to diplomatic sources, Sir Neville Henderson will tell Herr Hitler that the British Government gives the fullest support to President Roosevelt's appeal and will urge him to accept the appeal in the spirit in which it was made. The Ambassador will also point out that rejection of the appeal would increase international tension almost to breaking point, and will reaffirm Britain's willingness to assist Germany in gaining access to sources of raw materials.—United Press.

Further Questions

London, Apr. 25. In the House of Commons to-morrow Mr. Neville Chamberlain will answer a private question to be put by Mr. Arthur Henderson (Lab., King'swinford) whether the British Government has accepted President Roosevelt's invitation to participate in a world conference and whether it remains the policy of the Government to discuss all outstanding questions between it and the German Government as part of a general settlement ensuring the establishment of permanent peace on the basis of justice to all nations, including the Czech nation.

Mr. N. A. Beechman (Lib. Nat., St. Ives) will ask whether in view of President Roosevelt's intimation the United States would be willing to take part in negotiations for the purpose of removing possible causes of friction between the nations and make it clear to the world forthwith that Britain was willing, so far as it lies in her power, to contribute to the consolidation of peace by ensuring to all countries access to raw materials, subject to effective international disarmament.—United Press.

M. COULONDRE RETURNING

Paris, Apr. 25. The French Ambassador to Germany, M. Coulondre, will probably depart to-day for his post in Berlin, it is reported in the morning papers. Considerable significance is attached to the Anglo-German relations and the work of the British delegation in Bucharest, the papers being of the unanimous opinion that this activity will not be limited to a trade agreement and a British loan. One important question which will undoubtedly be discussed is granting of the privilege to the British fleet to use the harbour of Constanza as a Black Sea base.—Trans-Ocean.

NOT A RECOGNITION

Paris, Apr. 25. Le Petit Parisien states that the return of M. Coulondre in a way signifies French recognition of Germany's annexation of Czechoslovakia or the setting up of a protectorate.—Reuter Special.

NOT CONVINCED

Paris, Apr. 25. The statement made by the British Prime Minister, Mr. Chamberlain, in the House of Commons yesterday that no extraordinary importance is to be attached to the unexpectedly early return of the British Ambassador, Sir Neville Henderson, to Berlin, has not convinced the French press, which is still insisting this morning that the suddenness of the British Ambassador's return to the German capital indicates he has a special message for the Fuehrer.

The French leftist press is annoyed with Mr. Chamberlain for trying to overcome the present international crisis by peaceful means.

Pertinax, writing in the Ordre, attacks the British Prime Minister because he sent Sir Neville back, pointing out that such a move would lessen the British prestige with the smaller nations.—Trans-Ocean.

Sydney Riot

Sydney, Apr. 25. Australians and New Zealanders throughout the world are celebrating Anzac Day to-day. Crowds including many ex-servicemen, demonstrated in front of the German Consulate here. The police and fire brigade restored order after the crowds had threatened to haul down the swastika flag.—United Press.

Shanghai Car Crash

SECOND VICTIM SUCCUMBS

Shanghai, Apr. 25. Full details were revealed by the Japanese authorities of the motor-car accident on Broadway Road in which Dr. Bottom Little was killed.

It is revealed that a private motor-car carrying three foreigners ran east to west along Broadway Road about 9.20 o'clock last night. As the car was going to run through a Japanese defence outpost, a Japanese blue-jacket standing on duty signalled the car to stop.

The car refused to stop and continued to drive along whereupon the Japanese blue-jacket jumped on to the footboard in an attempt to halt the car. The three foreigners riding in the car, however, started a wild drive to throw off the Japanese sentinel.

The car then crashed into the motor-bus of the China Development Company running from the opposite direction.

The Chinese driver and conductor of the motor-bus were also injured. The Japanese blue-jacket identified as First Class Seaman Yoshimori Igarashi had three right ribs and the right thigh-bone broken.—Domel.

SEAMAN SUCCUMBS

Shanghai, Apr. 25. The death toll of last night's car crash mounted as Yoshimori Igarashi died at dawn from multiple injuries. Sergeant R. J. Wimsott, S.M.P., Mrs. Little were still lying in serious conditions in the General Hospital. A light was shed on the circumstances surrounding the crash by a Japanese naval spokesman who revealed that Mr. Little had dragged a heavy barbed-wire chevaux-de-frise with a steel frame 100 metres after crossing the bridge spanning Hongkew Creek.

The chevaux-de-frise was placed before the Japanese sentry box whose occupant sought to halt Mr. Little by shouting "Stop" in English. Mr. Wimsott patrolling Broadway ordered Mr. Little to stop, boarded the car, and returned with him to the bridge.

Mr. Little turned the car about and before the sentry could speak to him through a Japanese civilian acting as interpreter, started his car again at high speed.

ZIG-ZAG COURSE

Seaman Igarashi stepped on the running board, shouting to Mr. Little to stop, while Mrs. Little seated beside her husband was also said to have shouted.

Mr. Little did not heed and drove in a zig-zag course and crashed headlong into the moving bus after careening more than 500 metres.

Regarding the alleged altercation when a Japanese officer was charged with having struck Mr. A. H. Samson, Assistant Commissioner of the S.M.P., in the General Hospital, the spokesman blamed Mr. Samson's overbearing attitude.

The inquest of Mr. Little's body was held by the British authorities at 3.30 p.m. to-day, a Japanese surgeon being in attendance in order to ascertain Mr. Little's sobriety at the time of the accident.—Domel.

Bolivia

Becomes Latest Totalitarian

La Paz, Apr. 25. According to reports from the Bolivian Republic, Lieutenant Colonel Busch yesterday decreed the dissolution of the Chamber and Senate, annulling the Bolivian Constitution. In a statement to the press Colonel Busch declared that the present parliament was a disgrace to Bolivia and would be substituted by a totalitarian Government with the necessary economic and political powers.—Trans-Ocean.

President's Statement

La Paz, Apr. 25. The President of Bolivia has announced that Bolivia is now a totalitarian State and that Parliament will be dissolved.

In a statement the President said that the change was necessary as the political parties were stirring up political strife in the country.—Reuter Bulletin.

Yugo-Slavia

CABINET EXPECTED TO RESIGN

Belgrade, Apr. 25. Informed quarters here expect that the Yugo-Slav Cabinet will resign in the course of to-day in connection with the successful outcome of the Premier's negotiations with the Croat leader, Metchek.

It is considered certain that an agreement with Metchek has already been reached and that its terms will be published within the next few days.

It is believed that following formal resignation of the Cabinet, the Premier will be again entrusted with the task of forming a Ministry in which he will retain the post of Minister of the Interior. It is anticipated that the Ministers of War, Foreign Affairs and Education will also remain at their posts.

The Croats who form about 28 per cent of the total population of Yugo-Slavia, will probably be represented in the new Cabinet by four men, the Ministers of Public Works, Mines and Forests, Justice, and Commerce and Industry. It does not yet appear certain whether Metchek will himself accept a seat in the Cabinet.—Trans-Ocean.

British Shipping Contracts

London, Apr. 25. Contracts for over 100 merchant ships with a gross tonnage of 500,000 tons have been awarded since the Government announced on March 23 that a State subsidy for shipbuilding had been granted, reports the Daily Telegraph this morning.

The paper estimates that no less than 1,750 new freighters are necessary for British commerce and states that by the end of the year about 1,500,000 tons will be on the stocks.—Trans-Ocean.

Shanghai

Papers Cautioned By Consul

Shanghai, Apr. 25.

The Japanese authorities are dissatisfied at the measures taken by the British authorities in connection with the control of anti-Japanese propaganda organs in the International Settlement.

Following receipt of representations from the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Yoshikaki Mura, on April 14, the British Consul-General, Mr. Herbert Phillips, summoned on Sunday the representatives of Chinese newspapers, under British registry.

The British Consul-General cautioned against the use of terminology likely to provoke Japanese and asked the representatives of vernacular newspapers to refrain from using such terms as "puppet" or "traitor", while such restrictions will not be necessary in foreign cables.

Mr. Yoshikaki Mura, also requested the Shanghai Municipal Council on April 21 to prohibit the display of Chinese Nationalist flags in the Settlement and to suppress anti-Japanese propaganda in the foreign-controlled area.

PROTEST BY MAYOR

Mayor Hu Shao-en of the Chinese Special Municipality of Shanghai under the control of the Reformed Government sent a note to the French Consul-General, M. Baudez, on Monday protesting against the assassination of Mr. Wang Hsien, Secretary of the Municipality, by Chinese terrorists in the French Concession on April 17.

It is understood that the Mayor demanded the following:

Firstly, prompt arrest of the assassin or assassins.

Secondly, enforcement of effective measures for the search and control of terrorists in the French Concession.

Thirdly, participation of the police of the Chinese Municipality in the search of subversive elements in the French Concession.

The Mayor referred in his note to the assassinations of one police officer of the Special Municipality and one judge appointed by the Municipality in the French Concession on February 10 this year.

Reminding that the notes sent to the French Consul-General under the date of February 17 and March 10 with regard to the previous terrorist crimes have not been replied, the Mayor requested the French authorities to forward replies promptly.

In the previous notes, Mr. Fu requested prompt arrest of assassins, search of subversive elements transfer of the Special District Court and prohibition of display of Kuomintang flags in the Concession.—Domel.

MR. W. R. GILBEY

Noted Distillery Owner Visits Hongkong

Mr. W. R. Gilbey, grandson of Sir Walter Gilbey, founder of the large wine and spirits distilleries, has just left Hongkong for Manila. For some months Mr. Gilbey has been touring the world, meeting agents of the branches of his firm. Later, he intends to visit Australia where a new distillery has been opened.

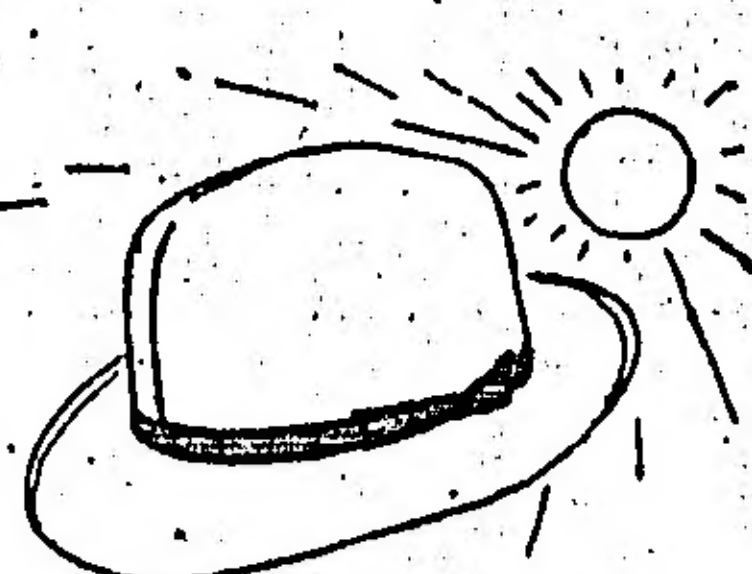
Sir Walter Gilbey, who was a keen sportsman in Victorian England, will be remembered for his severe criticism of women's riding kit in Rotten Row.

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S. A. RUMJAHN'S FIGHT PLUCKY BUT UNAVAILING

"Unknown" Golfer Defeats Stowe

Southport, Apr. 25.
A young "unknown" golfer, R. Caville, of Stockport, beat Charles Stowe, Walker Cup player and Midlands favourite for the title, by two and one in the second round and provided the first sensation in the English Amateur Golf Championship now in progress.
The holder, J. J. Pennink, and former holders Harry Bentley, Leonard Crawley and Stanley Lunt, all entered the third round to-day.—*Reuter*.

Ewo League Bowling Final

Hongkong Wonders v. Competitors

(By "Abe")

"The Big Fight" is on to-night, according to an advertisement in the Telegraph yesterday. Don't be misled: it does not refer to a boxing match but to the final of the Ewo Bowling League, which is to take place at the Hongkong Bowling Alleys at 7 p.m. to-day.

The game, which was introduced to Hongkong last summer, has attained great popularity here and in the match this evening will be seen some of the best bowlers the Colony can boast. The two teams which have reached the final stage of the League are the Competitors, who won the last League competition, and the Hongkong Wonders.

Representing the Competitors to-night are E. R. Hearther, Doc Molten, D. Venezia and C. Miller, an all-American team, who are undoubtedly top-dogs in the alley game. But for the first time since the Ewo League commenced, Hearther and Co. will receive some competition.

While probably not as strong as a team as the Americans, the Hongkong Wonders have, in J. S. Landolt and L. Gold, two players who can hold their own in any company, while M. Talan and A. Goldau, the other two members of the team, have been known to put up some extremely good scores.

Arrangements are completed for the match. No charge will be made for admission and ladies are cordially invited to attend. A string band will render appropriate music during the evening.



The handsome cup donated by the Ewo Bowling League for competition in the Ewo Bowling League, the final stage of which will be played this evening.

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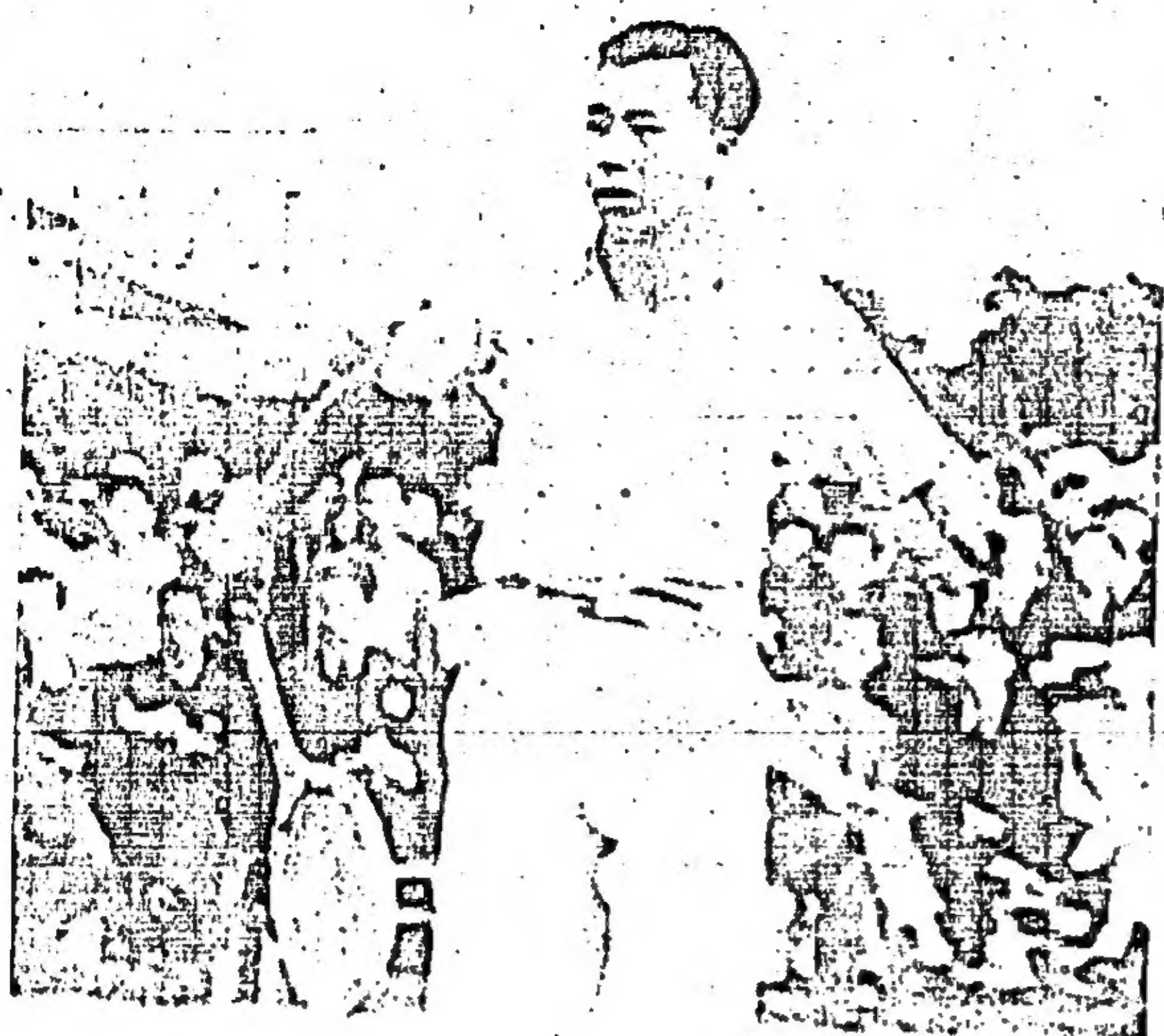
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TIRES QUICKLY: MADE TO DO A LOT OF RUNNING

SPLENDID TENNIS TIE ON THE STAND COURT

(By "Abe")

One set was all that S. A. Rumjahn was able to win from Tsui Wai-pui on the stand court of the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday when the two old rivals met in the semi-finals of the Colony Tennis singles championship. But that one set in itself was an achievement for a man who was playing in his twentieth consecutive championship, and particularly in view of the fact that the local champion is now playing at the top of his form.

On his display yesterday Rumjahn might have beaten any other player in the tournament, but against Tsui Wai-pui, it simply was not good enough. The spirit was willing, enough, but the flesh . . . well, it is not as strong as it was. Resting far more frequently than he used to do in former years, Rumjahn palpably tired after the long first set, but though he won the second and later showed flashes of brilliance he never seemed likely to beat Tsui, who won in four sets by scores of 6-7, 2-6, 6-1, 6-3.

In that vital first set which took such a great deal out of him, Rum-

jahn played as well as he had ever done in the championship, and his lead of 5-2 was well-merited. But he was unable to clinch the issue, and was pulled back to 6-5. Then when leading 6-5 he had a set-point which eluded him, and Tsui won twelfth as well as the thirteenth games to lead for the first time at 7-6. Though Rumjahn squared matters at 7-7, he could not prevent the champion from going out in the sixteenth game.

DESERVED HIS SET

Had this set gone to Rumjahn, the match might have taken a different turn. He went all out to get it and his failure to do so made his later task all the harder. His success in the second set, after going to a 5-2 lead, was well-deserved, but he was a very tired man by this time and victory, if it came at all, was still a long way off. As I said before, the spirit was willing but the body was tired, very tired. Now and then Tsui was left standing by shots which flashed across at great speed, but on the whole it was the Chinese who, standing in the middle of the court, dictated the terms.

Tsui was not only steeper in the majority of the exchanges, but brilliantly effective when Rumjahn came in, drawing out a top spin drive that was amazingly well gauged or passing the Indian with a cool shot near the side line. Furthermore Tsui's method of producing strokes was less calculated to exact physical strain than the sort of abandoned game that Rumjahn pursued, and this told its tale in the long run.

The third set was Tsui's without a doubt, and one rather fancied that instead of winning it to love, he dropped the sixth game with a purpose—to further exhaust Rumjahn's resources.

LOT OF FIGHT LEFT

Still, the match was not to fizzle out tamely though, what the final result would be was fairly evident. There was still a lot of fight in the old dog yet (one says this very respectfully, for no-one could have failed to admire Rumjahn's indomitable spirit). But Tsui's game was too sound and his strokes too well under control to allow him to crack up, and as Rumjahn failed to make him do much running he remained implacable to the end.

In the fourth set, which proved to be the last, Rumjahn won three games and at one time was level at 3-3, but this effort was perceptibly weakening, and the champion went out in the ninth game.

TO-DAY'S MATCH

To-day the second semi-final match in the singles is scheduled to be played. The contestants are Tsui Wai-pui and Leo Wai-long, both members of the Chinese R.C. If young Tsui can reproduce the form he displayed in the latter stages of his quarter-final tie with Ho Kailau on Monday he is indeed to be commended, for he is playing as badly as he began in that tussle he may concede a lead to the Chinese soccer idol which may prove difficult to wipe off.

Southend Defeats Notts County

London, Apr. 25.

In the southern section of the third division in the English Football League, Southend, at home, defeated Notts County by a goal to nil.—*Reuter*.

England Again Wins Lacrosse

England, by defeating Wales 21 goals to 5 at Bournemouth on April 1 again won the women's international tournament with an unbeaten record. Final positions were:

ENGLAND	21	5
IRELAND	2	0
WELSH	0	1



Put a bet on his head and this player may be mistaken for Jean Borotra, the "Bouncing Basque." Actually, however, he is Sirdar Rumjahn who, in his 20th year of competition, is still good enough to beat most players in the Colony.—*Staff Photographer*.

More Commentaries By B.B.C. During The Cricket Season

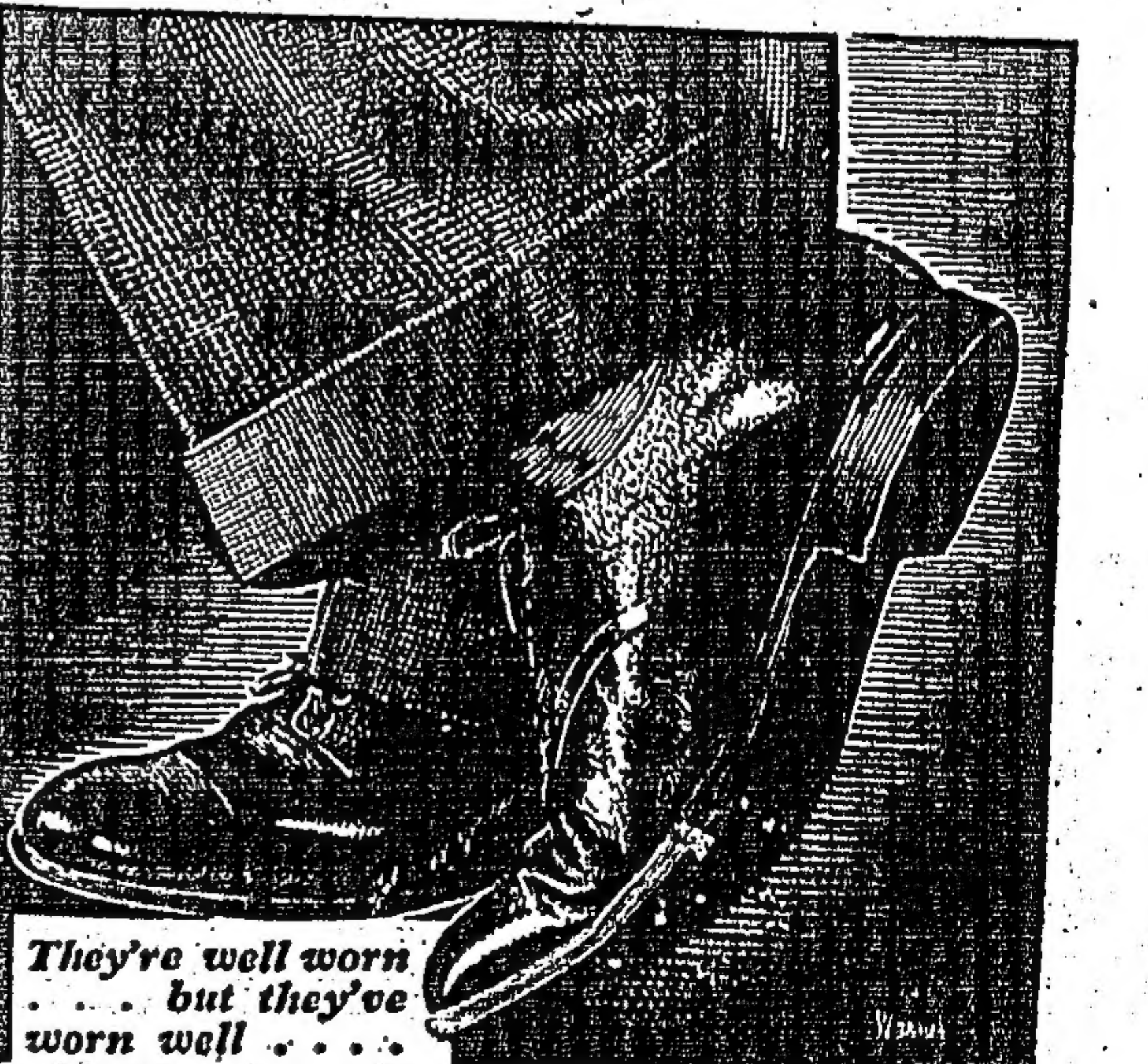
"It is hoped to cover the County Championship more thoroughly than ever, and there will, of course, be commentaries on the Test Matches between England and the West Indies and other important representative games."

In these words a B.B.C. official sums up the Corporation's plans to provide listeners to Daventry with commentaries on first-class cricket matches during the coming season. All the seventeen teams in the County Championship will, it is hoped, be represented in the commentaries, most of which will be given by four critics well known to overseas listeners: Howard Marshall; P. G. H. Fender, a former Surrey captain and one of cricket's most astute tacticians; E. W. Swanton, a London sports journalist; and Michael Standish, of the B.B.C.'s Outside Broadcasts staff. There will generally be two commentaries on each day's play—one, just before the lunch interval, and the second about an hour before the stumps are drawn. For Test Matches, the number will be increased.

The first County Championship matches, begin on May 6, when listeners to Daventry will hear commentaries by Howard Marshall and P. G. H. Fender on play in the Surrey v. Somerset and Gloucester v. Lancashire games, respectively. Another item of interest to cricket-lovers during the week beginning April 30 will be a reminiscent talk by Thomas Woodroffe. One of the B.B.C.'s staff commentators since 1936, Woodroffe will recall some of the strange games of cricket in which he played in various parts of the world during his service in the Royal Navy from 1907 to 1933.

Joe DiMaggio To Marry Film Star

Hollywood, Apr. 25.
The blonde movie player, Dorothy Arnold, said to-day that she is marrying Joe DiMaggio, the New York Yankees' heavy hitter, this summer. She said she met DiMaggio several times last year while singing at a New York night-club. She said they have planned a quiet wedding and honeymoon after the baseball season. She will continue her film career.—*United Press*.



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CONTEST WON BY SHANGHAI

Shanghai succeeded in winning a fourth world-wide basketball free throw competition held under the auspices of the New York Army and Navy Y.M.C.A., according to a report received last week. The local representatives tallied no less than 248 points to outclass six other contending teams by a big margin.

Mitchell Field finished second with 199. The third place produced a close fight as Fort Totten beat Norfolk by three points, 106-103.

Twenty-five players represented Shanghai this year. Out of the 75 trials, J. C. Palmer, ace forward of the champion U.S. Marine "Reds" team, accounted for 37 goals to win local premier honours. D. Sargent, star on Palmer's team, tied with R. P. Nelson for second place, each getting 30.

The world-wide individual championship was won by J. Hilton of Norfolk, who garnered 39, thereby defeating Palmer by a single goal. While Sargent and Nelson took third honours G. H. E. Anderson, J. Matulec, and D. R. Dingwall of Shanghai and R. Jacobson of Norfolk came in fifth on a four-way tie, each obtaining 25.

The results follow:

Teams	Score	No. Competing
1. Shanghai	248	25
2. Mitchell Field	199	19
3. Fort Totten	106	7
4. Norfolk	103	24
5. Fort Hamilton	100	14
6. The 1st Ten	138	7

Score Team
1. J. Hilton . . . 39 Norfolk
2. J. C. Palmer . . . 30 Shanghai
3. D. Sargent . . . 30 Shanghai
4. R. P. Nelson . . . 30 Shanghai
5. G. H. E. Anderson . . . 25 Shanghai
6. J. Matulec . . . 25 Shanghai
7. D. R. Dingwall . . . 25 Shanghai
8. R. Jacobson . . . 25 Norfolk
9. M. Semick . . . 24 Shanghai
10. B. Cletcher . . . 31 Mitchell Field

Here And There With "Abe"

Age Limit For School Athletes Is Unfair

IN connection with the annual Inter-School Athletic meeting, the heats of which were held yesterday afternoon, my attention has been drawn to a condition which prevents boys of 19 or over from participating. A footnote appearing in the list of events shown to me stated that "any boy who has reached the age of 19 on the day of the heats" cannot take part in the meeting. While not knowing the real reason for this rule, it does seem to me on the face of it, rather hard for the older schoolboys who, because of their age, are barred from participating in a meeting to which so many of them have been looking forward. This rule, which is being strictly enforced this year, should not affect British, Portuguese or local Indian boys very much, I should imagine, but Chinese boys, who usually go to English schools rather late in life, will find this rule irksome. For them, it would seem rather unfair, though no fault of their own, they now have to sit on the side-lines and watch whereas they should be competing. Why should this state of affairs exist? The meeting is organized for schools in the Colony and, strictly speaking, each and every schoolboy should be entitled to participate. If there must be an age limit, why not lift it to 21? There would be more reason for the rule to be enforced then; for it is manifestly unfair for a grown-up to compete with boys. But as the ruling now stands, I am certain that many Chinese boys who would otherwise be taking part in the meeting are prevented from doing so.

Cannot Be Helped

OLD-TIMERS will tell you that when these annual meetings were inaugurated there was only one section. Of course in those days not many boys went in for athletics; but when they began to get interested the authorities decided to separate the older boys from the younger ones, and two divisions came into force—a senior and a junior section. Surely this is sufficient distinction? It has happened before, and will happen again, I dare say, that some of the older boys in the various schools have won most of the prizes, and those who were not eligible for the junior division and not good enough to challenge the senior boys have had to take a back seat. But this many will agree, cannot be helped. At any rate, this arrangement seems fairer than the one by which boys of 19 are barred from competition. If a boy is still in school, I feel that he should be entitled to take part and the fact that he is 19 should not make any difference. If he is 21 or over it is a different proposition altogether; for then he has no business to be still in school.

Soccer Season

WITH the Football League championship decided last Saturday, the local soccer season is now virtually over. There remain, however, the forthcoming visit of an "import team to Manila, the play-off between Eastern and the Royal Navy for the runners-up position in

the First Division League, and one more match in the Kowloon Cup between South China A.A. and the Navy, which is to be played on May 13, when the Hongkong players, amongst whom are several members of the South China team, return from the Philippines. Chief interest will be on the exploits of our team in Manila. When the Filipino players came to Hongkong during the Chinese New Year holidays they were beaten in all the three matches which they played here. But I was unofficially informed that conditions here did not suit the visitors, who furthermore did not bring their strongest team. Therefore it will be interesting to see how our players fare in Manila, where they play football at night under floodlights, to which very few of our men are accustomed. Manila will be able to field their strongest team then, a better idea of the respective standards of play in the two ports will be possible.

Obstruction Law

AMONG the matters discussed at the meeting of the Football Association Council in England on March 27 was the Law on Obstruction and a proposal of the Rules Revision Committee was adopted: That the word "deliberately" be deleted from Law Seven in the following clause: "A player shall be penalised if he charges in a violent or dangerous manner or charges an opponent from behind unless the latter be deliberately obstructing."

The Council also decided to insert the words "the ball is within playing distance" after the word "fair" in the paragraph: "This is not intended to penalise all charging; it is permissible as long as, in the opinion of the referee, it is fair and the players concerned are attempting to play the ball."

Another proposal of the Rules Revision Committee adopted by the Council is the insertion of "ungentlemanly conduct" among the offences for which a player shall be penalised by an indirect free kick whether the offence takes place inside or outside the penalty area.

All these alterations, before becoming law, have to pass the F. A. annual meeting and the International Board.

More Modest

TONY Galento, who mounts Joe Louis this coming summer in an attempt to wrest the negro world's heavyweight championship from him, has just celebrated his 20th birthday—and appears to be growing modest in his advancing years. The retired challenger, who has never before hesitated to predict what he would do to his opponents, and has never lost an opportunity of referring to Joe Louis as a "bum" and a "no-good fighter," was asked to state what he would do to the "Brown Bomber" when he got into the ring with him. Newspapers, almost swooned as Tony replied, quietly, "both will fight until one of us drops." He did not name the winner in which he would knock out the champion.

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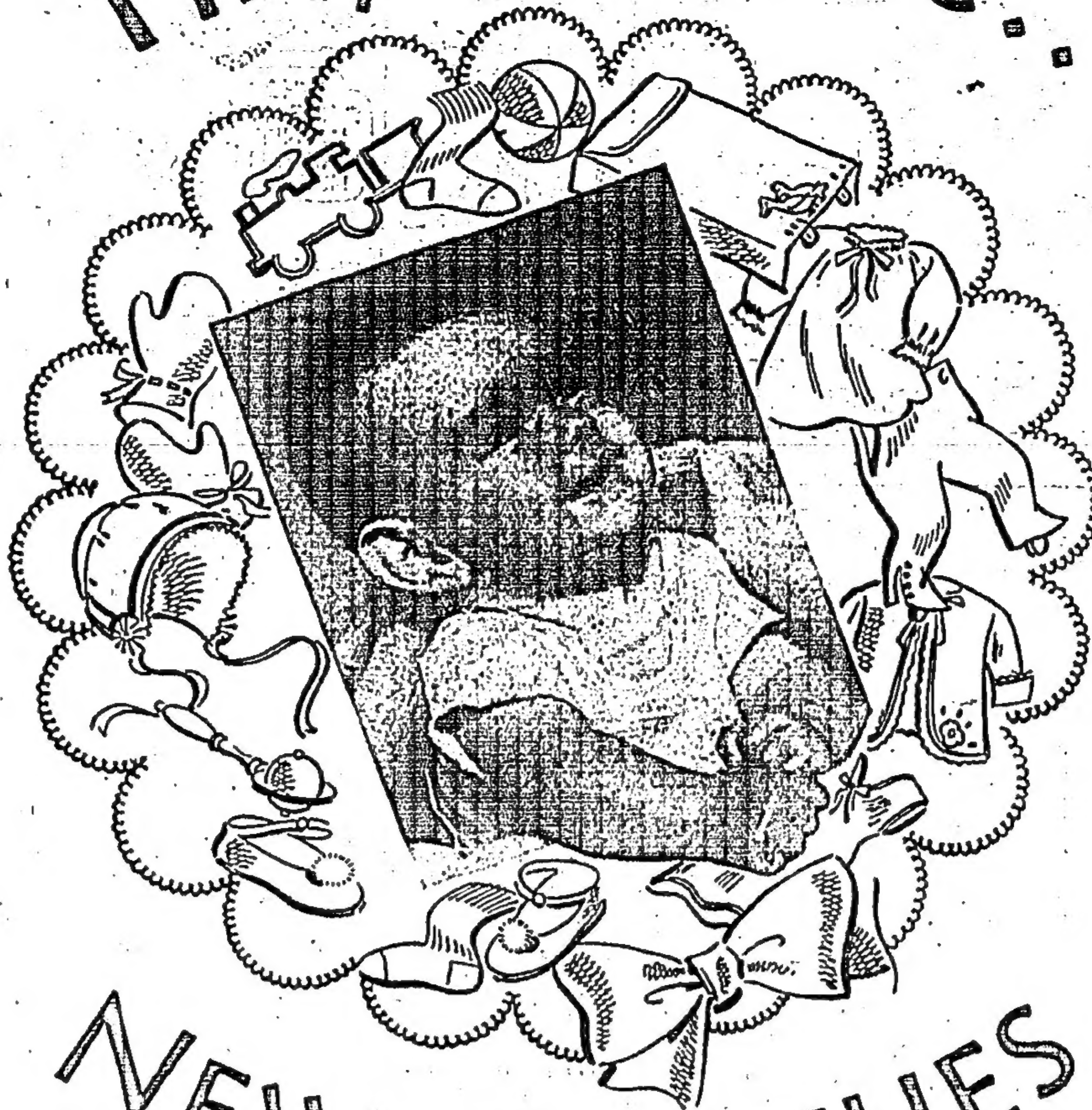
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NEW CLOTHES

—Baby as Well as Mother

OUR instinct to have new and gay clothes at the first sign of spring sunshine, even if it's only a bunch of flowers to pin on our coats, is a thoroughly healthy one and an impulse which puts us in tune with Mother Earth who is bedecking herself in new greenery.

Even baby enjoys something new—perhaps a bit of coloured ribbon on her frock to catch her eye.

Light and Warm

When planning new clothes for the children, do remember that spring-time is an in-between season for which no extensive wardrobe is necessary unless you really have lots of pennies to spend.

What you need just now are clothes that will be gay in colour, light in texture but still definitely warm. I do not advise any big change in underwear—until Whitsun—because cold winds are still likely for some weeks to come and they are probably the most treacherous peril to which children can be exposed.

In any case, I advise you to keep a light pullover or cardigan at hand as an extra to be worn should a specially cold day occur; our climate is so variable that it is a mistake to keep just to the same weight of clothes all the time.

The child needs three layers of clothing in the ordinary way with this extra little garment to give special protection on extra cold days, or to slip on after a game or if a child has to spend some time in a room where the temperature is lower than the warmth it is accustomed to.

Now for some queries received during the past week and my answers.

Practical for Toddlers

What would be practical spring-time wear for a healthy toddler of 18 months?

ROMPERS look nice and tidy, especially if you make the knee that button down the back and have a let-down flap behind; those which fasten between the legs tend to gape and look rather untidy.

Their chief disadvantage is that, if the child has an accident, the whole garment has to be changed, whereas, if pants and a romper are worn, baby will only need a fresh pair of pants. Pants should be open-kneed and pouch-shaped with a wide elastic at the waist; see that it is not too tight. First suits in a fairly fine wool and close knitting are always practical and look very attractive.

Babies' clothes must always be roomy and comfortable.

Shoes and Socks

My baby girl is ready for shoes, but I am not sure what kind to choose for her.

FIRST shoes (and indeed all shoes for young children) should have firm soles and soft uppers which allow perfectly free movement to the toes.

I advise a very low heel from the outset and an extension of this heel on the inner side to prevent any tendency to flat feet. These cost rather more than ordinary shoes, but are well worth the slight extra cost.

See that socks are really roomy in the feet, for children's socks need much washing which leads to shrinkage. Meanwhile, the foot is growing steadily, and if socks are too short the toes tend to be bent back or the

heel of the sock is worn under the foot which causes blistering.

Free and Easy

We hope to go to the seaside at Easter with a boy of nine and twin girls of six. What clothes would you advise?

LET them travel in their "good" clothes if the journey is short, then put these away carefully when you arrive after having given coats, suits and hats a good brush.

During the holiday keep them in well-worn clothes, in which they can have a really easy time without any fear of doing damage. Those clothes should still be chiefly of the winter variety, though stout jerseys or "lumber jackets" with zip fastenings can be useful for the more active movements.

You will have to use your own discretion as to whether they should be allowed to run about barefoot.

Baby's Trousseau

I am expecting my first baby in May, and would be glad to have your advice regarding the layette, not a knitted one.

THE quantities mentioned for each article only meet minimum requirements (one in wear, one soiled and one airing), but this is just sufficient for practical needs.

First Pants

Can you recommend anything to take the place of nursery squares now that my baby is nine months old and fairly reliable?

RECENTLY I came across excellent first pants for both boys and girls, made with a latex top in a light wool material of excellent wearing quality, which keeps its colour and does not shrink. I can recommend the garment very highly.

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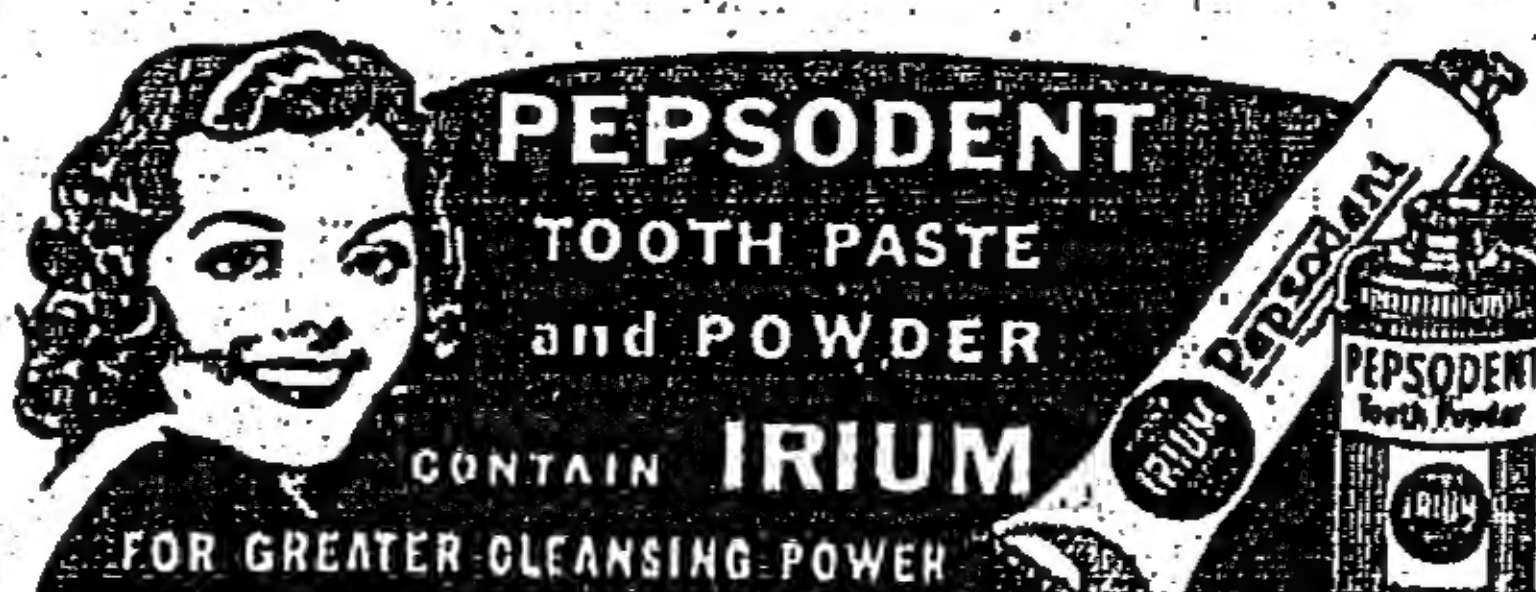
A DRY SKIN is usually rough and usually long enough. Remove the unattractive in colouring. It can be made lovely in colouring. It can be taken care of and "fed" and encouraged until it is normal again. Dryness is really the easiest condition there is to treat, since creams and ointments to stimulate the circulation and to soften and lubricate the skin, treatments to stimulate the circulation and minor adjustments in the diet are usually sufficient to give prompt results.

The method of cleansing a dry skin differs from that of cleansing an oily skin only in the kind of soap used and the applications that follow. Use warm water. Hot water is too relaxing and will cause the facial muscles to sag. It also dries out the natural oil more rapidly. Cleanse with cold cream first, then remove the excess oil with tissues and wash with tepid water and the mildest soap you can find. Always wash with outward, upward strokes. You are encouraging the muscles of the cheeks to stay young and firm by lifting them gently toward the temples as you wash.

Always rinse the face with very cold water and dry thoroughly. The dry skin needs an application of rich, nourishing cream after cleansing. The length of time it should stay on depends on the dryness of the skin. Half an hour is usually long enough. Remove the oil that has not been absorbed before retiring—or before you apply your make-up—with a mild tonic, one that will tone the skin and stimulate the circulation without having the drying effect of an astringent. There are many good tonics on the market, but you can make one for yourself by blending one-half witch hazel, one-fourth rose water and one-fourth distilled water. Simple, isn't it? And it is fun to do things for yourself occasionally.

A twice a week application of hot facial oil will do much to restore a dry skin to its normal condition. You can get these oils already blended at the better beauty salons, or you can make one from fastidious castor oil, to which a few drops of pine oil have been added. You can apply it hot, on strips of gauze and leave in place while you take an afternoon nap, or massage it into the skin before retiring. It is very soothing and restful and good for the skin.

You should be especially careful about the skin around the eyes and eyelids of your skin is inclined to be dry. Spread a generous amount of nourishing cream into these areas, wash with cold water, put dry and leave the cream on overnight. In the morning remove any that remains with a pad wrung out of skin tonic.



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STALL TENDERING IN NEW MARKET

Statement By Chairman At Urban Council

Reference to the letting of the stalls in the new Central Market yesterday. Mr. Todd remarked on the unnecessary sensationalism by the Press on the closed and open tendering for the stalls, and pointed out that the notification, which was published in the newspapers, mentioned that tenders for certain stalls would be received on certain days only.

The Chairman welcomed Mr. C. Champkin, who is taking the place of Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, who is on leave, and congratulated Hon. Mr. W. N. T. Tam and Mr. B. Wong Tape on their appointment as members of the Council for a further term of three years.

Mr. Todd said: Members of the Council may be interested to hear how the letting of the stalls in the new Central Market is progressing.

Members will recall that in the case of the Poultry, Fish, Beef and Mutton, and Pork sections they approved that former stall-holders in the old Central Market, who have been carrying on business in temporary stalls provided for them in the Western Market, South Block, should be allowed to tender for and obtain, at a "closed tendering," stalls in the new Central Market equal in number to the number of stalls they originally obtained (by tendering) and still occupy in the Western Market, provided that their tenders came up to a prescribed minimum monthly rental. It was also approved that former stall-holders in the old market who have gone out of business must tender at an "open tendering" for the remaining stalls in the new market in the same way as other members of the public.

All the lessees of temporary poultry, fish, beef and mutton and pork stalls in the Western Market, South Block, had been given notice on February 15, that they must quit their stalls on April 30.

It is intended to reconstruct the interior of the Western Market, South Block, as early as possible, money having been provided for this purpose in this year's Estimates.

Minimum Monthly Rental

For the poultry section of the new market the Markets Select Committee fixed the minimum monthly rental per stall at \$60. At the "closed tendering," 32 stalls were let at an average rental of \$66.25 and at the "open tendering" six stalls were let at an average rental of \$226.58. The average rental for the 48 poultry stalls is therefore \$113.63. The maximum rental obtained is \$341.50 and the minimum obtained is \$60.

For the fish section the Select Committee fixed the minimum monthly rental per stall at \$40. At the "closed tendering" 37 stalls were let at an average rental of \$59.70 and at the "open tendering" 20 stalls were let at an average rental of \$102.88. The average rental for the 57 fish stalls is therefore \$74.85. The maximum rental obtained is \$120, and the minimum obtained is \$41.

For the beef and mutton section the Select Committee fixed the minimum monthly rental per stall at \$70. At the "closed tendering," 26 stalls were let at an average rental of \$112.62 and at the "open tendering" 12 stalls were let at an average rental of \$248.37. The average rental for these 38 beef and mutton stalls is therefore \$155.54. The maximum rental obtained is \$384 and the minimum obtained is \$70. Two stalls in this section have not yet been let: they will be let, by tender as usual, for the site of Mohammedan and Hindu stalls respectively.

For the pork section the Select Committee fixed the minimum monthly rental per stall at \$45. At the "closed tendering," held yesterday, 44 stalls were let at an average rental of \$71.82. The "open tendering" for the remaining 18 stalls will be held on Wednesday.

As regards the fruit section and the vegetable section of the new market the decision of this Council was that there should not be any "closed tendering" limited to the former lessees of fruit stalls and vegetable stalls in the old market, whose circumstances are different from the circumstances of the former lessees of poultry and fish stalls. As, however, an appeal against the Urban Council's decision has been made to the Governor-in-Council the matter must be regarded as sub judice.

Unnecessary Sensationalism

The discovery by the Press that there was to be a "closed tendering" for stalls in the poultry, fish and meat sections was made the occasion for some unnecessary sensationalism. I would point out that the notification which was published in the newspapers on April 13, did not say that tenders for all the stalls in the new market would be received on the days mentioned. It said that tenders for certain stalls would be received on the days mentioned and that tendering on those particular days would be open to all members of the public. It should not be necessary to say that the arrangements made by this Council for the letting of the stalls were made in exercise of the discretionary powers given to the Council by Markets By-law 6.

Applications Refused

The following applications for licences were refused by the Council: A milk shop licence for Arbutnot Road, ground floor and another for the Kiosk, Tram Station, Caroline Road. Other applications refused were an eating house licence for 29 Canton Road, ground floor; an eating house licence for 229 Hollywood Road,

ground floor; a food factory licence for 33 d'Agulhar Street, ground floor; a food shop (fruit) licence for 73 Chun Yung Street, ground floor; and a food preserving licence for 131 Sai-kung Road, ground floor.

The list of licences granted by the Urban Council between April 11 and April 24 inclusive are: Bakeries (1), food shops (3), milk shops (4), offensive trades (1), awning (4), catering houses (4), and restaurants (1). Besides the Chairman, those present were Dr. P. S. Selwyn-Clarke, Mr. A. G. W. Tickle, Mr. C. G. Perdue, Mr. F. C. Hall, Dr. R. A. do Castro Basto, Mr. A. el Arculli, Dr. S. N. Chnu, Mr. W. N. T. Tam, Mr. B. Wong Tape, Mr. Tang Shiu-kin, Mr. C. Champkin and Mr. C. J. Roe (Secretary).

Many Drivers Fined

Exceeding Speed Limit In Wanchai

A fine of \$5 was imposed on H. O. Melchior, of Shouson Hill, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, at Central Magistracy yesterday, for driving a car at a speed of 28 miles per hour in Queen's Road East, Wanchai, on April 4.

The road was stated to be fairly clear at the time. Defendant had been driving in the Colony for 10 years, it was said, and had a clear driving record.

Summoned for driving a car through the closed portion of Chater Road on April 3, P. van Vliet, of Conduit Road, was cautioned. Mrs. van Vliet appeared to answer the summons and explained that her husband was a newcomer to the Colony and did not know he could not drive through that part of the road.

M. Talan, of the American Lloyd, Ltd., was fined \$2 for parking his car beyond the time limit of two hours in Feder Street on April 3. For driving a car at a speed of 35 miles per hour through Hennessy Road, on April 4, L. W. A. Ingram, R.A., was fined \$5. He pleaded guilty by letter.

INEFFICIENT BRAKES

Tse Sheung, master of the Fu Sun bicycle shop, Hennessy Road, was summoned before Mr. T. J. Houston at Central Magistracy yesterday for allowing a bicycle to be hired without efficient brakes on March 20.

Traffic-Sergeant F. Appleton said the charge arose from an accident at the junction of O'Brien Road and Johnston Road, Wanchai, when a bicycle, ridden by a boy, ran into the side of a bus, resulting in injury to the boy. He examined the cycle after the accident, and found there were no front brakes, while the rear brakes were useless.

Tse, who denied the charge, was convicted and fined \$25. Sgt. Appleton pointed out that many bicycles were hired to the public and proprietors were slack in complying with the traffic regulations regarding brakes.

Mr. Houston remarked that if Tse allowed his cycles to be hired while they were in an inefficient condition, there was always danger to the lives of the riders.

WOMAN INJURED

Injuries to the head were received by Lai Mut, 61-year-old woman, when she was knocked down by a taxi in Bulkeley Street, Kowloon, last night. She was later sent to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

THE POLICE RESERVE

Orders Issued for The Coming Week

Police Reserve orders for the week issued by Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Commissioner of Police, are:

Chinese Company
Training Course—Part II.—The following members have qualified in Part II of Training Course on Thursday: Constables Ed Wong Mow-tong, R31 Bau Ka-ying, R27 Wong King-luk, R105 Lam Kwok-yin, R113 Tang Chun-pui, R114 John Simon Au, R116 Ko Kar-ming, R122 Fok Wah-hoi, R123 Ho Tai-wing, R123 Yuen Shing-luen, R128 Ng Show-man, and R127 Philip Tam Tak-shing.

Commendation.—Constable R23 Lau Wing-sing is commended by the Commissioner of Police for zeal and alertness in arresting a Chinese on April 8, who was convicted for larceny from person.

Patrol Duty.—Nightly between 8 p.m. and midnight by members as detailed by the Officer in Charge of Company.

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C. CHAMPKIN, D.S.P. (R.)

SPECIAL POWERS

Belgium Government And New Parliament

Brussels, Apr. 25. A demand for special powers will be made by the new Government when it meets Parliament for the first time to-day.

The newspaper Solr, stating that the Government considers special powers to be indispensable for assuring economic and financial recovery, declares that any modification of monetary status will be excluded. This is taken to mean that the Cabinet's proposals will leave the belga at the present gold value.—Reuter.

Remaining Independent
Brussels, Apr. 25. M. Pierlot announced to-day that the Government will remain faithful to its policy of independence. The menacing world situation demanded measures to ensure the defence of the country and colonies and these will be taken.—Reuter.

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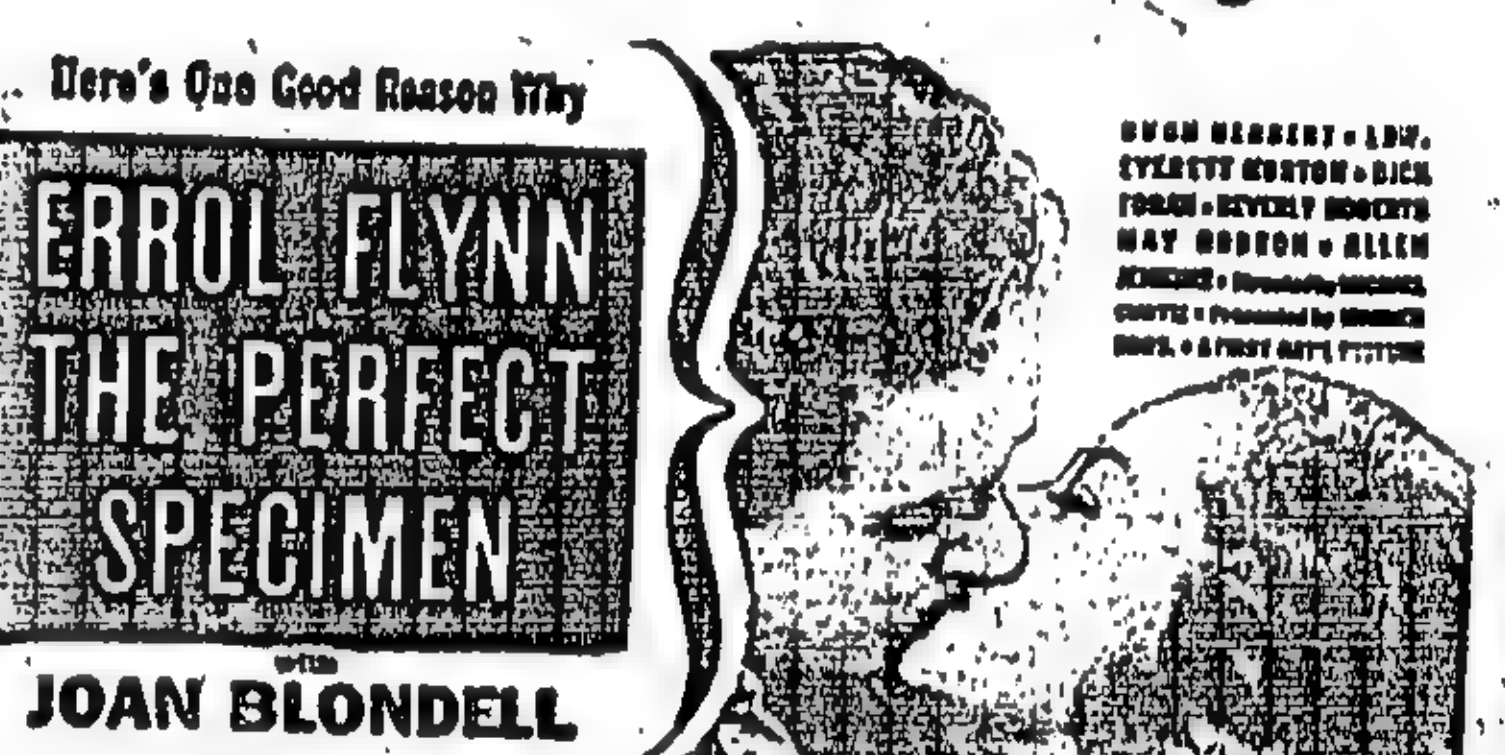
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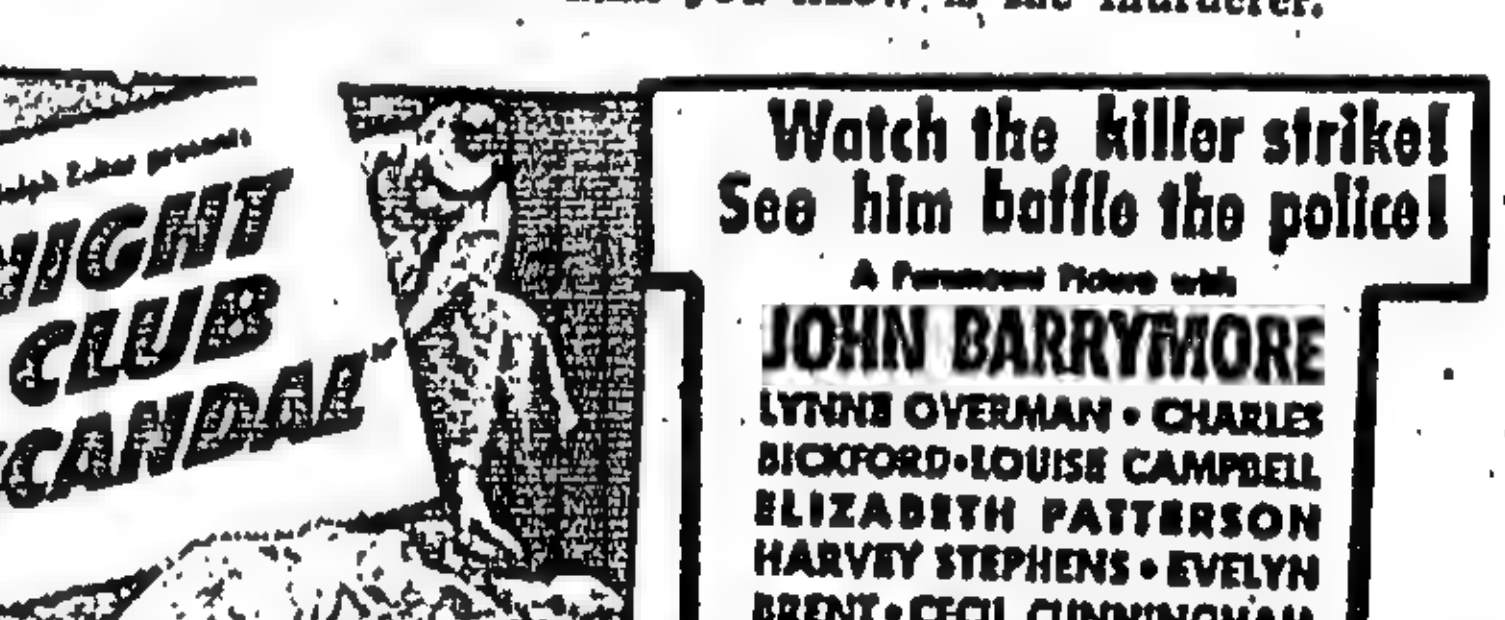
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BRITAIN'S BUDGET SETS PEACE-TIME RECORD

SIR JOHN SIMON yesterday introduced the United Kingdom's record peace-time Budget.

It calls for the expenditure of £1,285,000,000—over £30 for each man, woman and child in the British Isles.

Revenue is estimated at £942,000,000, leaving a deficit of £380,000,000 which will have to be met from Loans.

There will be no change in income Tax, which will remain at the basic rate of 27½ per cent.

But Surtax will be raised by 5 per cent. on incomes up to £8,000, and by ten per cent. for incomes above that figure.

Death Duties have been increased by ten per cent. on Estates over £50,000.

Motor-car tax has been increased by 10s. per horse-power, making the total now 25s. per horse-power.

The Duty on Tobacco has been increased by 2s. per lb., and on sugar by a farthing per lb.

Excise duties on camera and cinema films and plates has been increased, the addition equalling two-pence on a small roll of film.

The only reductions in taxation are the abolition of the Medicine Stamp duty and a reduction of Theatre Entertainment Duties by 1d. per admission.

Ordinary Defence costs absorb £630,000,000 of the total expenditure.

£380,000,000 DEFICIT MET BY BORROWING

LONDON, Apr. 25.

THE HOUSE was crowded when Sir John Simon, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, introduced his keenly anticipated Budget.

After reminding the House that in the first of his 13 budgets, he had to provide for a grand total of only £53,000,000, the Chancellor said that to-day the budget was 20 times bigger than Gladstone's of 1853, when Gladstone proposed the abolition of income tax.

BIG INCREASES

"Although revenue this year fell short of the estimated mark by £17,500,000, it is still nearly £55,000,000 more than the revenue last year.

"The gross total for defence expenditure of all kinds last year was almost exactly £400,000,000, compared with £265,500,000 the previous year."

While income tax fell short of the estimates, surtax exceeded the estimate of the previous year.

DEFENCE BORROWINGS

Sir John Simon explained that defence expenditure last year from revenue was £254,500,000. They had borrowed £128,000,000, making a total of £382,500,000 for the three defence departments.

With food storage and air raid precautions, the gross total was almost exactly £400,000,000.

Supplementary expenditure for defence was a most serious and important question, and a cardinal issue in the present budget.

He estimated that expenditure for the supply service was £675,000,000.

The total estimated expenditure for air raids precaution services was £42,000,000, of which £37,000,000 had to be borrowed.

The estimated expenditure on food reserves was £5,000,000. The total expenditure from revenue was £922,000,000, apart from defence supplementary expenditure.

Compared with the original figures of £880,000,000 for defence this year—£380,000,000 from loans, and £500,000,000 from revenue—the figures had risen to the region of £1,285,000,000 for defence in all its aspects, and it might well be more.

The whole difference should not be met by loan, and there must be additional taxation.

Revenue Prospects

Dealing with revenue prospects, Sir John said he estimated various yields on the existing basis of taxation.

The total estimated expenditure on the existing basis of taxation was £918,000,000.

Some £223,000,000 were available towards meeting this year's defence expenditure.

Beats Roosevelt Deficits!

LONDON, Apr. 25.
In presenting the "War Budget" Sir John Simon said there are three characteristics of war time financing.

1.—The huge total expenditure which can be compared only with the World War budgets.

2.—The huge defence appropriations, which are equivalent to 12.6 per cent. of the national income.

3.—The gigantic defence loans to cover a deficit exceeding even President Roosevelt's public works spending.—United Press.

Opposition Demands More Taxes!

LONDON, Apr. 25.
IN THE COURSE of the debate which followed the Chancellor's Budget speech, Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the Opposition, complained that the Chancellor was not really facing the problem of colossal expenditure, but was passing it on.

Sooner or later borrowing was going to fall on the poorest of the poor.

"Sooner or later and the sooner the better we shall have to come down to taxation of accumulated wealth, instead of creating enormous indebtedness on which interest must be paid," Mr. Attlee said.

Unimaginative
Sir Archibald Sinclair, leader of the Liberals, described the budget as pedestrian and unimaginative.

He believed the people's goodwill and patriotism, of which Sir John Simon had spoken, would be greatly fortified if the taxpayer was convinced that the Government was seriously tackling the problem of expenditure.

"Let us be certain that the great expenditure on armaments is being economically administered," declared Sir Archibald.

Mobilising Wealth
"In the meantime, private expenditure, especially luxuries should be prevented from competing with the national re-armament effort."

"While supporters of the Government are demanding the conscription of the medicine stamp duty, PLEASE Turn To Page 12.

HITLER SNUBS BRITAIN

Refusal To See Ambassador

BERLIN, Apr. 25.

NAZI SOURCES to-day indicated that Hitler will ignore the British attempts to persuade him to soften his speech on Friday.

The Fuehrer is snubbing the British Ambassador.

Informed circles also expressed doubt whether the German Foreign Minister would be able to receive Sir Neville before Friday.

They said Herr Ribbentrop is "very busy" conferring with the Jugo-Slavian Foreign Minister, with whom he expects to secure close economic and political collaboration.

Political circles here expressed the belief that Hitler will coolly receive the British Ambassador's message, and that there is little chance of the Fuehrer softening his speech.

Unmistakable Snub
British sources in Berlin regard Herr Ribbentrop's and Herr Hitler's failure to receive the British Ambassador as "an unmistakable snub."

Sir Neville Henderson has not received a reply to his request for an interview with Herr Ribbentrop and has not even received a suggestion for a future appointment.—United Press.

Last Minute Change?
Berlin, Apr. 25.

Late this evening, it was stated on reliable authority that Herr von Ribbentrop will receive Sir Neville Henderson to-morrow, or on Thursday.—Reuter.

Interview Postponed
Berlin, Apr. 25.

The interview, which Sir Neville Henderson was expected to have today with Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop did not take place.

It was explained that Herr Ribbentrop's engagements did not permit the meeting.

No arrangement was made for an interview at a subsequent time.

It, as has been suggested, Sir Neville Henderson has a message to PLEASE Turn To Page 12.

Europe's Defence Measures Denmark Calls Up More Men

COPENHAGEN,

Apr. 25.

THE DANISH Ministry of State to-day issued a communique saying that 6,000 men will be called to the colours immediately, instead of waiting for the ordinary autumn manoeuvres.

Similar measures are being applied to the Navy, making the total of men called up for the Army and Navy between 8,000 and 9,000.—United Press.

Gibraltar's Defence

LONDON, Apr. 25.—The condition of Gibraltar's defences, particularly air raid protection, was described as satisfactory, by Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, Secretary for War in the House of Commons to-day.

He added that more anti-aircraft guns had been sent to Gibraltar since September, and all necessary precautionary measures had now been taken.—Trans-Ocean.

"United Press" quotes the War Minister as saying that "every practicable precaution has been taken for Gibraltar to resist attack"—United Press.

Belgian Decrees

BRUSSELS, Apr. 25.

The Belgian Premier made a ministerial declaration requesting special powers until December 1 for the security of the country, economic and budgetary improvements, and other urgent matters.

He announced that the Government has three aims—the safeguarding of the country, constitutional reform and improvements in the economic and financial situation.—United Press.

German Hold On

Yugo-Slavia

LONDON, Apr. 25.

British sources state that Germany is attempting to lighten her hold on Yugo-Slavia with a five-year £10,000,000 credit which will permit Yugo-Slavia to buy German armaments and exchange cereals for cattle.—United Press.

State Visit To Rome

ROME, Apr. 25.

A State visit by Prince Paul of Yugo-Slavia to Rome was announced on the occasion of the meeting between the Italian and Yugo-Slav Foreign Ministers in Venice.

The visit will take place in the middle of May.

The Regent will leave Belgrade on May 9, and will stay in Rome for several days as the guest of the King-Emperor.—Trans-Ocean.

Talks In Berlin

BERLIN, Apr. 25.

Conversations between M. Marcovitch and Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop were opened at the German Foreign Office shortly after 4.30 p.m. to-day.

This first meeting lasted for about an hour, and it is understood to have assumed a positive character, and to have been conducted in a cordial spirit.

It is learnt on good authority that this initial interview revolved around the main question of rapprochement between Yugo-Slavia and Hungary, seen as a prelude to increased collaboration on the part of Yugo-Slavia with the anti-Communist Powers.

It is confidently predicted that the conclusion of a treaty of amity between Yugo-Slavia and Hungary will be the outcome.—Trans-Ocean.

Talks In Bucharest

BUCHAREST, Apr. 25.

M. Potemkin, deputy Soviet Foreign Minister, arrived here to-day from Tighina.

He was met by an official of the Rumanian Foreign Office, and members of the Foreign Legation, as well as a party of police detectives who have been assigned the task of protecting him during his journey through Rumania.

Later M. Potemkin left in a private car for Giurgiu, when he expected to PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

CALLING MAN-POWER TO COLOURS

CONSCRIPTION BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED

FOR THE first time in its peace-time history, the United Kingdom is to have compulsory service.

Following a special meeting of the Cabinet to-night, it was decided to immediately introduce a Bill in Parliament for Conscription.

A second Bill will be introduced to provide for provisional restriction of armaments profits.

In order to make the Conscription measure more acceptable to trade unions and labour bodies, which have so far opposed it, the Government is also sponsoring a scheme for drastic slashing of arms profit.

A Cabinet spokesman said to-night that if Parliamentary Labour continued to oppose compulsory service, Labour leaders would be subjected to tremendous pressure from the rank and file.—United Press.

"Conscription" was introduced to Britain for the first time in its history during the Great War. At that time Britain has been the only European Power not to employ this method of raising armies. It was first introduced into Europe as a nation-wide obligation by Napoleon.

Premier Sees King

LONDON, Apr. 25.

The Cabinet, at a special session this evening, decided to introduce conscription for all men between the ages of 18 and 21.

After the session, Mr. Chamberlain was received in audience by the King at Buckingham Palace.

The Premier informed the King of the Cabinet's decision.

A statement from official quarters regarding details of compulsory national service—said to have been introduced largely at the demand of France, and to refute the argument that England was not in a position to render effective assistance to the victims of aggression owing to the numerical weakness of its army—is not yet forthcoming.

Bill To-day

Political quarters believe that the Government will introduce a bill for conscription in the House of Commons on Wednesday next.

Acceptance of the bill is regarded as certain, since only the Labour Party is expected to oppose the measure. It is not believed, however, that a general service term of several years, after the pattern of the Continental armies, will be introduced, although the principle of voluntary service will be abandoned.

Owing to lack of instructors, barracks, and equipment, an army similar to the conscript armies of the Continent could, in any case, hardly be formed for some time. The bill, therefore, will merely provide for the introduction of a national register and short-term training of men from 18 to 21.

The introduction of a national register will enable the British Government, for the first time in history, to obtain reliable figures regarding the number of men fit for military service.

No Divergencies

Quarters close to the Government emphatically deny rumours of alleged divergencies of opinion during the special session of the Cabinet this evening. They declare that complete unanimity prevailed among the Cabinet regarding the necessity of introducing a compulsory national register.

1,000,000 Affected

About 1,000,000 young men between the ages of 18 and 21 will be affected by the measure.

For many of these, however, exemption has been claimed. It is therefore believed that the compulsory service will be extended to men from 21 to 25 years of age, and this would bring the number of potential recruits to 2,000,000.

The Government, it is said, plans to train about 750,000 men for the time being. Training will probably be merely on the lines of the pre-war PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

NORWEGIAN STEAMERS SEIZED

Oslo Foreign Office Is Informed

The "Telegraph" has been informed that two Norwegian coastal steamers, the s.s. Prosper and the s.s. Promise, have been seized by the Japanese naval authorities.

The two ships were boarded near Foochow by Japanese armed parties in motor launches.

Their present whereabouts are unknown.

The ships were en route from Shanghai to Foochow.

The "Telegraph" understands that reports of the incidents have been made by the Norwegian authorities in Hongkong to the Foreign Office in Oslo and to the Norwegian Embassy in Tokyo.

More Reports Of Ship Seizures

Chinese newspapers this morning reported that the Norwegian steamer Heilikon was seized by Japanese naval authorities this morning.

There is apparently no foundation for the report.

Reports carried in Chinese newspapers yesterday that the China Navigation Company's steamer Kweiyang is "missing" are equally unfounded. The Kweiyang reported to Hongkong by radio yesterday.

LATEST

HONGKONG TO SPEND \$1,229,182

The Supplementary Estimates for 1939 for Hongkong will come before the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council to-morrow.

They provide for the additional expenditure of \$1,229,182, making the total estimated expenditure for the year \$30,732,042, and increasing the estimated deficit from \$2,403,435 to \$3,634,617.

Among the items included in the Supplementary Estimates are \$240,000 for the construction of a light-house tender to replace the rescue tug King Sing, wrecked in the 1938 typhoon, and \$100,000 for site formation in Argyle Street for the new Kowloon Hospital and Infectious Diseases Hospital, both of which were forecast by the "Telegraph."

In each case the expenditure for this year is only part of the total. The new lighthouse tender will cost \$400,000, and the site formation for the Argyle Street hospital \$200,000. The report on the Supplementary Estimates disclosed that the new

See Back Page For
Further Late News

PREMIER SEES KING: TOUR ARRANGEMENTS

LONDON, Apr. 25.—The King received Mr. Chamberlain at Buckingham Palace this evening, the audience lasting an hour.

Mr. Chamberlain is expected to announce in the House of Commons on Thursday, in reply to a question, that alternative arrangements are being made in case the King and Queen are unable to travel to Canada in H.M.S. Special

Repulse.
In the meantime, all the arrangements are going forward on the assumption that Their Majesties will travel by the Repulse.—Reuter

THEY KEPT HIM SHUT IN A ROOM FOR TWO YEARS

Parents Sent To Prison For Cruelty

SHUT up for two years in a room, a 16-year-old Newport (Monmouthshire) boy, when found by the authorities, had

Hair that reached to his shoulders;
A face the "colour of wax";
Bleeding feet, and
Shoes that were so small that his soles protruded over the bottom of them.

Sentence of three months' imprisonment, each with hard labour, was passed on the parents, Gladys Buck, a fortune-teller, and William Buck, a boatman, for ill-treating and neglecting the boy, William.

Describing the case as "most unnatural and most damnable," Mr. D. W. Evans, the prosecuting solicitor, said:

"This woman, for reasons best known to herself, decided that the outside world should not see the boy, and he was to be confined in a particular room or house for an indefinite period."

"GONE TO SEA"

The prosecution's theory was that she intended to make use of the boy in connection with her fortune-telling business.

An inspector of the N.S.P.C.C. who called at the house was told on numerous occasions that the boy was out looking for work or had gone to sea.

On the last occasion, however, William Buck said to his wife: "Tell them the truth. He is upstairs. He has not been out for two years. Take the gentlemen up to see him."

The woman tried to stop the inspector and a police sergeant from going upstairs. She took up a chair and tried to aim blows at them.

A warrant was obtained and when the inspector and sergeant returned to the house the woman violently assaulted them.

"IN DARKNESS"

"The room in which the boy was found was in darkness," Mr. Evans

said. "He was in a terrible condition, although he appeared to be well nourished."

Police-Sergeant Bale said that the woman struck him with a chair and frustrated every effort he made to persuade the boy to leave the room. The man was frightened of his wife. Inspector Richard Jones, of the N.S.P.C.C., said the woman did not deny that the boy had been kept there for two years. The father said the boy had done one week's work since he left school.

The mother said, in evidence: "It is all lies. I have got five children and I have never had a complaint from the school. They are always tidy and well nourished and very good scholars."

"ATE ALL DAY"

The boy, she added, ate all day. He had access to the pantry and could eat as much as he wanted.

"I begged him to go out and so did his father," she said, "but he would not. Once when I tried to cut his hair he said he would lock himself in the bedroom."

"He is a bit too big for me to handle and that was the trouble."

The boy was later taken to Woolston House, Newport, which is controlled by the Public Assistance Committee, where he is to be cared for.



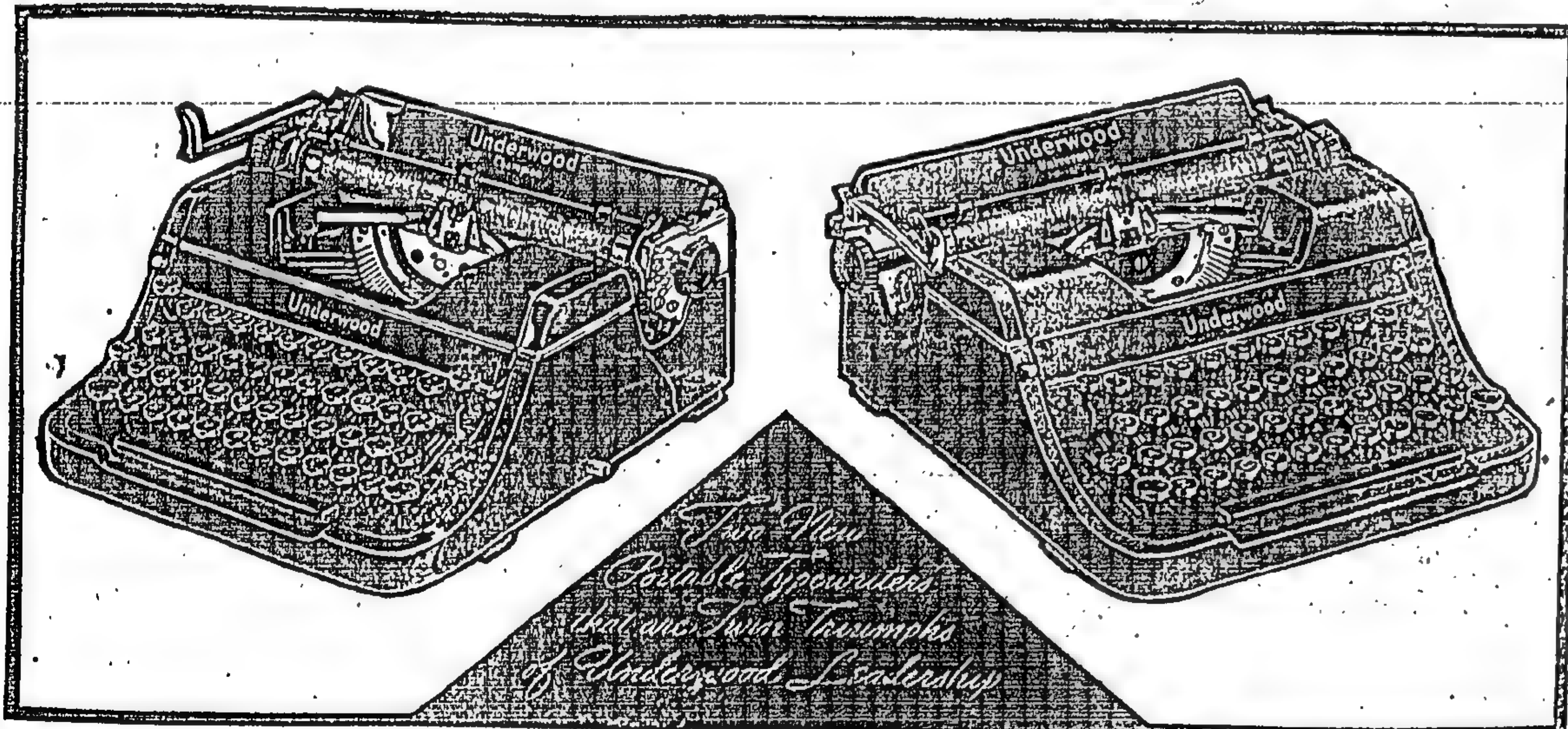
RECENT PHOTOGRAPH of Dr. H. H. Kung, China's Minister for Finance, with whom the British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, conferred during the week-end.

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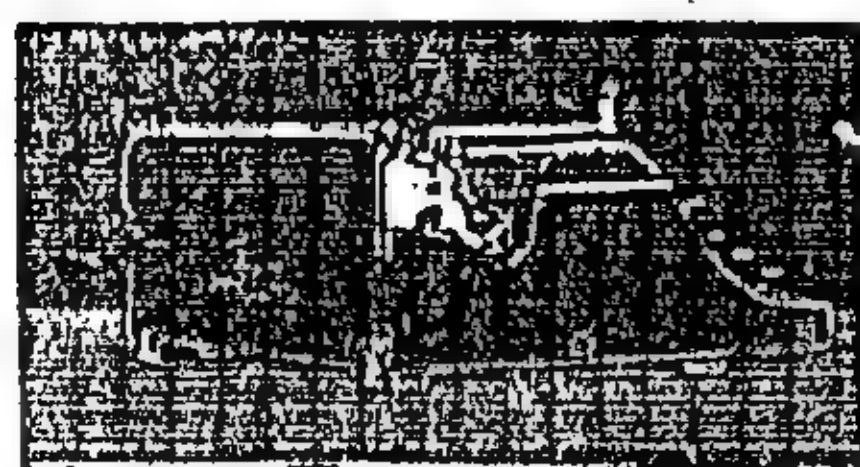
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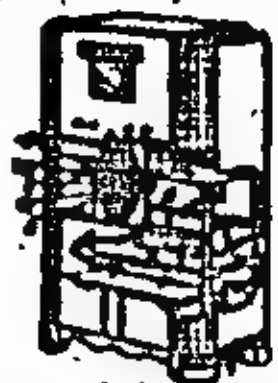
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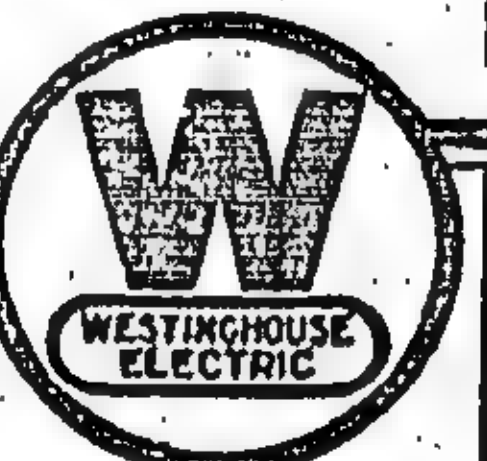
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No Nation Appeals In Vain

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50 A WEEK

A large workshop has been laid out for mass production at the rate of 50 a week.

At one end arrive sets of wooden panels from the sawmills. Carpenters (formerly motor-body finishers) assemble them and they pass—looking like mass-produced coffins rather than life-savers—to the spray-paint section. From there they go to the finishing bay, where chromium-plated fittings, rubber seals, and equipment are attached.

The patient lies inside the "lung" on a mattress with his head protruding through a soft rubber air seal.

Bellows, operated by a small electric motor, alternately fill and empty the cabinet with air in "gasps" which automatically expand and collapse the patient's lungs.

One iron lung is always kept ready packed to meet emergency calls. Such a call was received recently from Uganda. The apparatus was rushed to Southampton and taken all the way by air. It arrived three days later—just three hours too late.

One despatched to the Lincolshire after an emergency call received at 6.30 p.m. reached its destination and was met by the doctor who had the patient breathing in it the same night.

Throughout the Empire lungs have been ordered by places as remote as Hongkong, Tananyika, Falkland Islands, Seychelles Islands, Lagos, Nyasaland, Barbadoes, Kumsil, and Sarawak.

So far 153 orders have come from Australia alone. Three are for the Australian Surf Life-saving Association at Sydney, for use on people saved from drowning.

Britain Will See More Of Its Army

Mr. Hore-Bellish, Secretary for War, replying to a Commons question recently said it was proposed that an Army mechanised demonstration column should make a tour in June and July, and that displays illustrating progress in mechanisation should be on view at various exhibitions throughout the country.

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Magicians Challenged By Spiritualists

THOUGHT-READING ACT LIBEL SUIT

A LIBEL action was brought before Mr. Justice Singleton and a special jury recently by the Zomahs, professional magicians, who said they had been challenged by spiritualists to reproduce a medium's performance.

Madam Zomah told the judge she preferred not to disclose the details of a trick known as "The Unsolved Mystery."

Complaining of an article in "Psychic News," and a contents bill of the paper, the Zomahs—Mr. Alfred James Giddings and his wife, Mrs. Adelaide Ellen Giddings, of Alexandra Drive, Gipsy Hill, S.E.—are suing Psychic Press, Limited, publishers; Mr. Maurice Barbanell, editor; Peverleys, Limited, printers; and Horace Marshall and Son, Limited, distributors.

All of them deny libel. Messrs. Marshall also pleaded that they distributed the publication in the course of their business, without knowledge of its contents.

UNSOLVED MYSTERY. Mr. Ewen Montagu, K.C., for the Zomahs, said they were well known conjurers who more than 30 years ago evolved a thought-transference

act called "The Unsolved Mystery." Zomah moved about the audience and never spoke. Madam Zomah, blindfolded on the stage, would identify articles and read the numbers of bank notes handed to him.

Zomah was president of the Institute of Magicians, a body which he founded.

Council said that Mr. Maurice Barbanell invited 20 members of the Institute of Magicians to see a performance by John Kelly, a medium, who purported to be able to read, while blindfolded, the contents of sealed envelopes and to give messages from the dead.

Mr. Barbanell wrote that he could not allow a public religious service to be interrupted, but the magicians would be entitled to express their views afterwards.

Mr. Justice Singleton: A religious service, with magicians present? "Yes," Mr. Montagu replied. He added that Zomah came to the conclusion that Kelly, though a magnificent showman, was a fraud in claiming mediumistic powers.

A CHALLENGE

Mr. Darbenell challenged any members of the institute to give a similar demonstration. The institute asked the Zomahs to take up the challenge.

They found it was going to be quite easy to do the reading of envelopes. It was a trick they knew, though they had never done it in public before.

The production of a disembodied voice they decided, quite frankly, they could not do, because neither of them was a ventriloquist, but it was a thing which could be done by any ventriloquist.

As to messages from the dead, they caused inquiries to be made about people going to the performance, and discovered facts about people who had lost relatives.

Mr. Montagu said the Zomahs gave their performance at Conway Hall on January 26, 1938, with complete success, and without interruption.

"CLUMSY COPY"

On February 5, 1938, the "Psychic News" published a report which, Mr. Montagu said, was a sneering attack. The article was headed: "Conjurors' Farical Attempt to Emulate Kelly. Audience Laugh at Clumsy Copy of Psychic Demonstration."

It stated that: "Even as a conjuring entertainment it was childish and unimpressive and would have been interesting possibly to a kindergarten..." and referred to "three obvious confederates" in the audience.

Madam Zomah, in evidence, said she and her husband had been per-

forming "the unsolved mystery" for over 30 years.

Mr. Justice Singleton: And hasn't it been solved yet? "No," she replied. "Nobody has been anywhere near it, though there have been a number of attempts. It is an invention of my husband's."

TRICK KEPT SECRET

Reading of messages in sealed envelopes was a very well-known trick, Madam Zomah continued. Mr. Justice Singleton: You are not going to tell us how it is done? Madam Zomah said that if she were asked she was willing to explain the trick, but she preferred not to do so, as an object of the Institute of Magicians was to prevent the disclosure of tricks.

Mr. St. John Field, K.C. (defending): Blindfold or not, you can see what your husband is doing, can't you?—Unless the judge makes me, I refuse to give away the secret that has been my living for many years.

In evidence, Zomah said that he was an architect, who did amateur conjuring, until he thought out the "Unsolved Mystery."

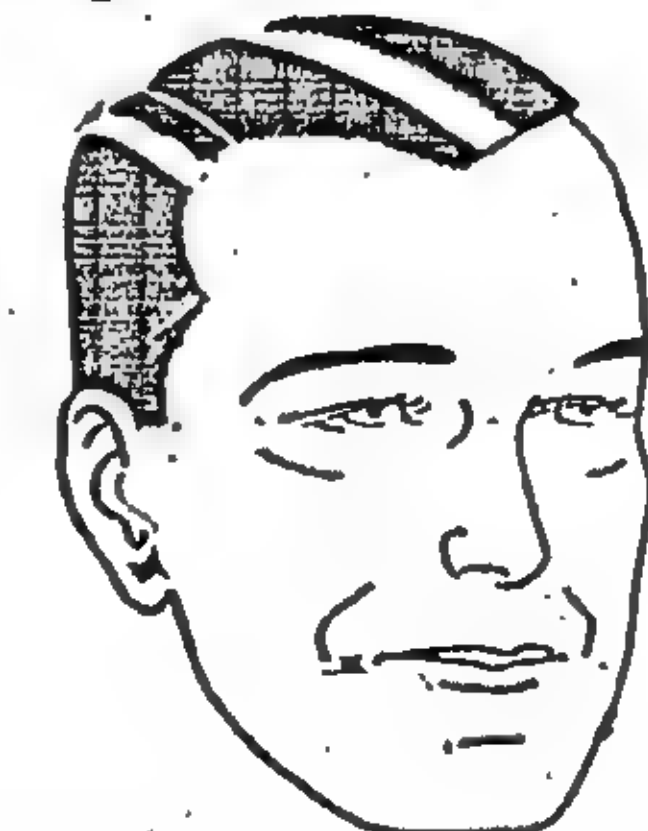
Mr. Justice Singleton: When did you get married?—In 1902. "And you have been thinking it out ever since!" said the judge, amid laughter.

The hearing was adjourned.

LETTUCE LAND BOASTS

Salinas, Cal. Salad statistics for 1938 show that the Salinas-Watsonville-Hollister area grew 43.8 per cent of all lettuce consumed in the United States last year. It totalled 21,431 carloads, which would make up a refrigerator car train 178 miles long.

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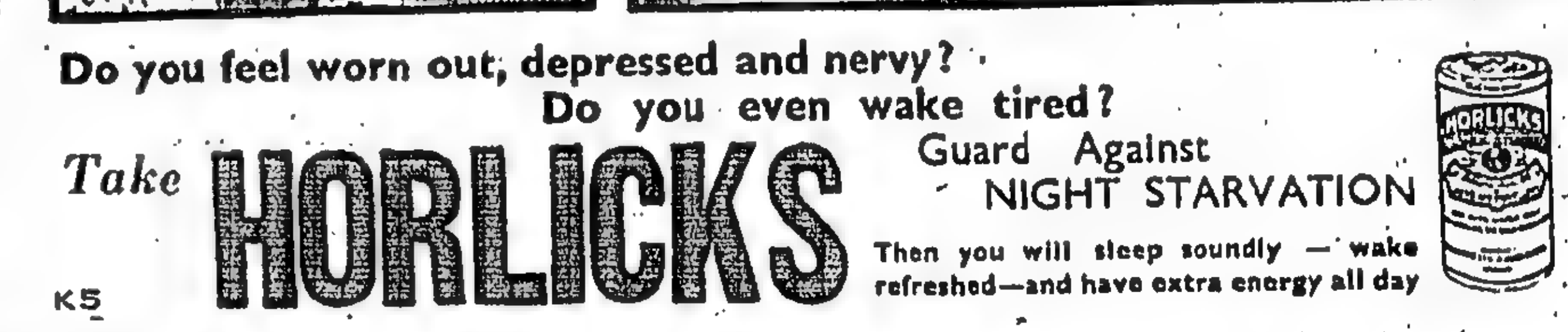
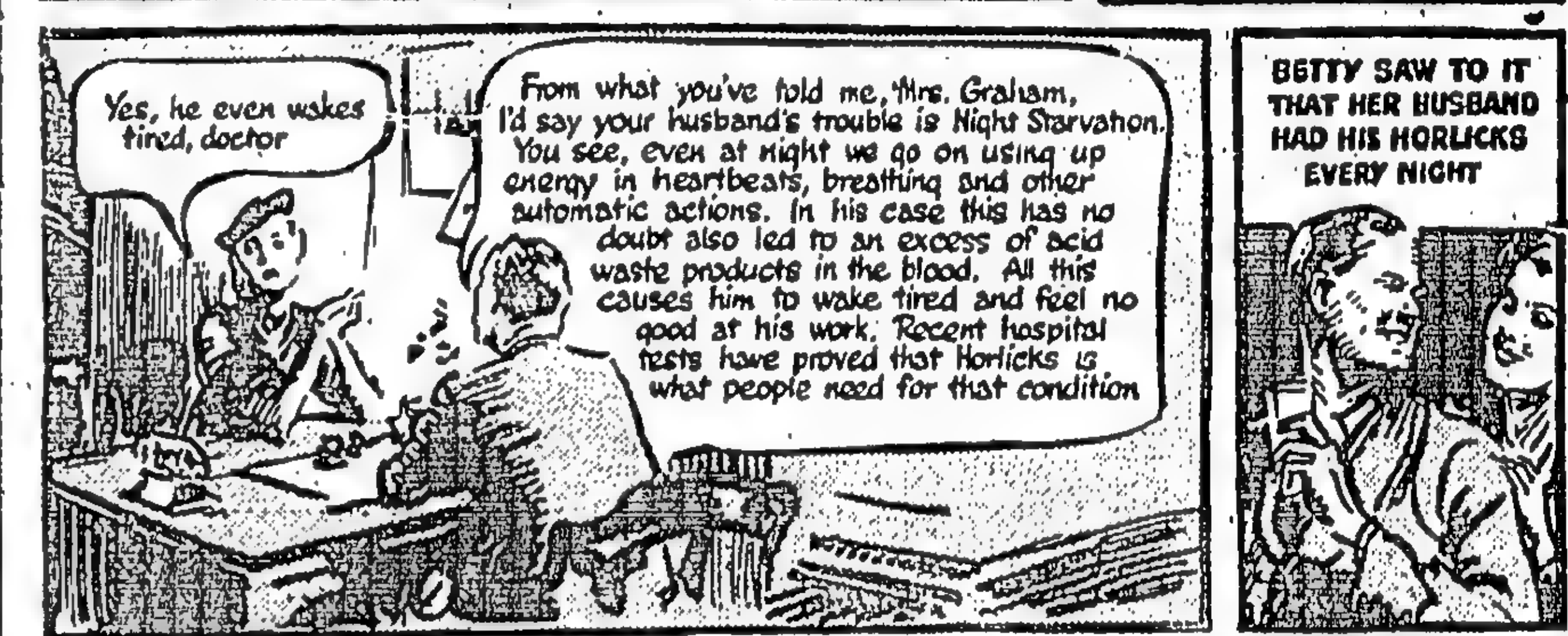
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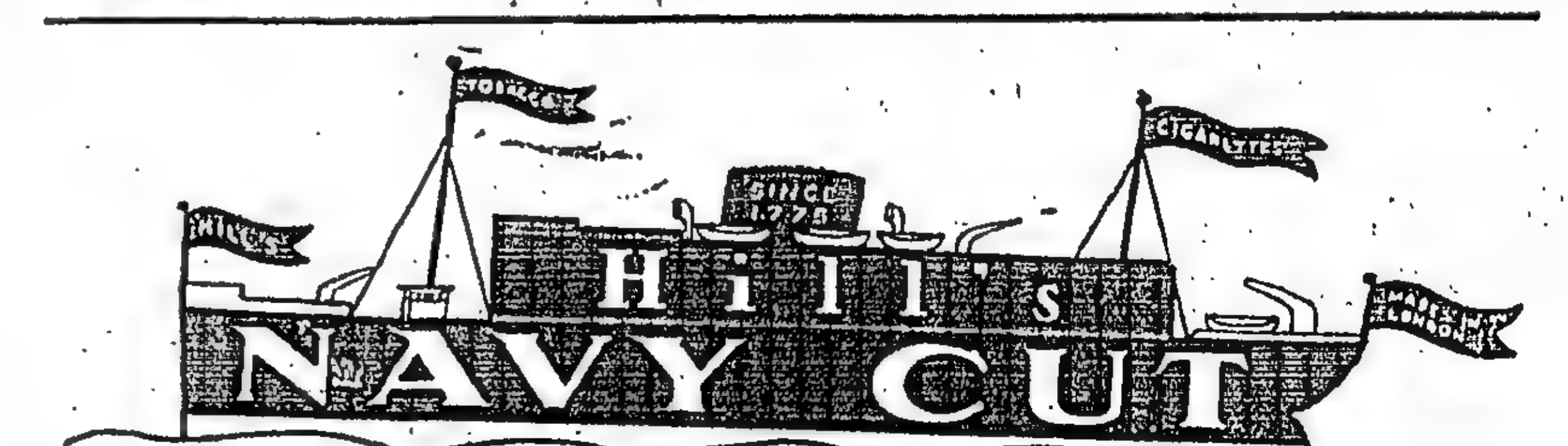


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FOX CAUGHT WITH HANDS

MONSON, Mass. Tony Verolotti has won the name Turzon as result of a fox hunt. The dog had uncovered a fox so close at bay that Verolotti wouldn't risk a shot—so he dropped his gun, tackled the fox and killed it with his bare hands.

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The Fifty-eighth Ordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 25th May, 1939, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 18th May to the 8th June, 1939 inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 25th April, 1939.

THE BANK OF CANTON, LIMITED.

Notice is hereby given that Dividend Warrants for all classes of shares of this Bank are now ready. Shareholders are requested to apply for them at the Head Office No. 6 Des Voeux Road, Central, or through any of the Branch Offices of the Bank, or Bank of Canton, San Francisco.

By order of the Board of Directors
M. Y. TANG,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, April 22, 1939.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

The Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held in the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, 5th Floor, on Wednesday, 26th April, 1939, at Noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Saturday, 22nd April, to Wednesday, 26th April, 1939, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 12th April, 1939.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Bombay Silk Store, of 2, D'Aguiar Street, has no branches, in the Colony, and is not connected with any other similar business.

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FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN.

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The Hon. Secretaries, H.K.S.P.C. The Old City Hall, Queen's Road C. Hongkong, or the Inspector, 49, Pokfulam Road, 1st floor; or the Inspector, Violet Peel Health Centre, Wanchai; or the Inspector, 12, Sai Yeung Choi Street, 1st floor, Kowloon.

All further steps will be taken, and expenses met, by the Society. The Informant's name will be kept strictly private, except in cases where malice is proved.

ROYAL VISIT TO U.S.

Red Indians' Greetings

LONDON, Apr. 25. WHEN THE King and the Queen arrive in Vancouver on May 29, on board the passenger steamer, Princess Marguerite, 20 canoes full of redskin Indians in full war paint and outfit will paddle up to the steamer to pay homage and to accord their Majesties a cordial welcome.—Trans-Ocean.

CLIPPER DELAYED

Delayed by mid-Pacific storms between Midway Island and Guam, the China Clipper will not now arrive in Hongkong until April 30. The date of departure has been tentatively set back to May 1.

The M.M. liner Jean Laborde is expected to arrive from Kobe, via Shanghai 2.30 p.m. to-morrow and will sail 9 p.m. for Marseilles via Saigon.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1s. 2 1/2
T.T. Shanghai	1s. 2 1/2
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4 m/s L/c London	1/2 1/2
4 m/s D/P do.	1/2 1/2
4 m/s L/c U.S.A.	20 1/2
4 m/s France	11 1/2
30 d/s India	63 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in Lon.	4.68 1/2

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,375 sa.
H. K. Banks Lon.	84 n.
Chartered	7 1/2
Mercantile, A. & B.	13 1/2
Mercantile, C.	13 n.
East Asia	80 n.

INSURANCES	
Canton	220 n.
Unions	440 n.
China Underwriter	130 n.
H.K. Fire	180 n.

SHIPPING	
Douglas	70 b.
Steamboats	10 n.
Indo-China, P.	60 n.
Indo-China, D.S.	24 n.
Shell Bearer	80 n.
Waterboats	840 n.

DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves	100 n.
Docks	103 1/2
Provident	4.00 n.
New Eng. Sh.	0.70 n.
Sh. Docks, Sh.	100 n.

MINING	
Kallan s/-	17- n.
Raub s/-	8.55 n.
Venz. Goldfield	3 n.
Hongkong Mines	4 n.
Antamoks P.	32 sa.
Atoks P.	30 1/2 sa.
Bagulo Gold P.	11.50 sa.
Benquet Cons. P.	11.50 sa.
Coco Grove P.	12 1/2 sa.
Demonstrations P.	12 1/2 sa.
I.K.I. P.	23 1/2 sa.
Hogons P.	23 1/2 sa.
Camarines P.	46 sa.
San Maruico P.	92 sa.
Suyoc Consols P.	16 1/2 sa.
Paranices P.	60 sa.

LANDS	
Hotels	5 1/2 sa.
Lands	33 1/2 sa.
Lands 4% deb.	104 n.
Shai Lands Sh.	8.05 n.
Humphreys	4 1/2 sa.
H.K. Realities	102 n.
Chinese Estates	102 n.

UTILITIES	
Trams	16.50 sa.
Peak Trams (old)	8 n.
Peak Trams (new)	8 n.
Star Ferries (old)	25 n.
Star Ferries (new)	25 n.
China Lights (old)	8.40 sa.
China Lights (new)	5 1/2 sa.
H.K. Electric	55 n.
Macao Electric (s.d.)	17 n.
Sandakan Lights	23 1/2 sa.
Telephones (new)	7 1/4 n.
Telephones (old)	21- n.
Traction s/-	21- n.
Traction (Prof.) s/-	21- n.

INDUSTRIAL	
Cald: Macg. (ord.)	Sh. \$...14 n.
Cald: Macg. (Pre.)	Sh. \$...13 n.
Canton Ice	123 1/2 n.
Cements	3.60 n.
H.K. Ropings	1 n.

STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms (ex. ris.)	\$...20 1/2 n.
Dairy Farms (ris.)	\$...14 1/2 n.
Watsons	\$...7 1/2 n.
Lane Crawford	\$...1.80 n.
Sincere	\$...42 n.
Wing On (H.K.)	\$...1 n.
Powell, Ltd.	\$...1 n.

COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh.	\$...20.40 n.
Shai Sh.	\$...107 n.
Zong Sing	\$...30 n.
Wing On Textiles	\$...40 n.

MISC.	
H.K. Entertainment	\$...0 1/2 n.
Constructions	\$...19 1/2 n.
Vibro Piling	\$...7 n.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1928	62 1/2 sa.
G.S. Bonds	62 1/2 sa.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 3 1/2 p.m.	62 1/2 sa.
H.K. Govt. Loan 3 1/2 p.m.	62 1/2 sa.
Marsmans (Lond.)	\$...13 1/2 n.
Marsmans (H.K.)	\$...5 1/2 n.

The Junkers JU 52 monoplane of this German Luftwaffe Company, which left Karachi at 2.20 p.m. yesterday, arrived at Jodhpur at 6.30 p.m. last night.

Stopping at Jodhpur overnight, the plane left for Calcutta early this morning.

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Naval Seaman Dies In Hospital

William George Haines, seaman, of Motor Torpedo Boat No. 97, died in the Naval Hospital at 8.30 a.m. today. An attack of bronchial pneumonia which followed the extraction of teeth caused his death. Haines was a native of Roschill, England.

The funeral will take place at 4 p.m. to-day.

The P. and O. liner Canton left Shanghai yesterday and is due here to-morrow at about 3 p.m.

EUROPE'S DEFENCE MEASURES

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Manube to continue his journey through Bulgaria to Turkey. It is stated that while still on Bulgarian soil, he was met by a Turkish personage of high rank.

It is learnt that M. Potemkin did not get into touch with any Rumanian political quarters, while passing through the country.—Trans-Ocean.

London Parleys

Further conversations were held between M. Gafencu and Viscount Halifax at the Foreign Office this afternoon. No official intimation of the course or scope of the talks is yet given, but it is expected that a communiqué will be issued to-morrow.

In the meantime, says "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent, there is reason to believe that arrangements have been made for an extension to port credits facilities under the existing Rumanian scheme to enable Rumania to increase materially her imports from Britain.

It is believed that the question of the supply of arms to Rumania was also discussed.

The European situation generally, and the position of the Balkans in particular, have been thoroughly reviewed, as well as the position arising from the British guarantee to Rumania.

It is understood that it was agreed there would be no purpose at the present time in Rumania making the guarantee reciprocal.

The implications of the present Anglo-Russian discussions and of the Rumanian attitude towards receiving military assistance from Russia were also discussed, while M. Gafencu re-emphasized his conversations with Herr Hitler and Herr von Ribbentrop.—Reuter.

600 New Planes For America

The Senate to-day approved the \$500,000,000 appropriation for the army and defence activities during the fiscal year beginning August 1, 1939.

It includes provision for about 600 modern aeroplanes.

The bill now goes to the White House for President Roosevelt's signature.—Reuter Special.

Trinidad Defences

TRINIDAD, Apr. 25.

The Government has issued an order for the recruitment of 10 and 20 years of age to recruit for coastal defence, anti-aircraft work and searchlight posts as from to-morrow.—United Press.

Many Drivers Fined

Exceeding Speed Limit In Wanchai

A fine of \$5 was imposed on H. O. Melchor, of Shouson Hill, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at Central Magistrate yesterday, for driving a car at a speed of 28 miles per hour in Queen's Road East, Wanchai, on April 4.

The road was stated to be fairly clear at the time. Defendant had been driving in the Colony for 10 years, it was said, and had a clear driving record.

Summoned for driving a car through the closed portion of Chater Road on April 3, P. van Vliet, of Conduit Road, was cautioned. Mrs. van Vliet appeared—to answer the summons and explained that her husband and she were a new couple and did not know he could not drive through that part of the road.

M. Talan, of the American Lloyd, Ltd., was fined \$2 for parking his car beyond the time limit of two hours in Pedder Street on April 3.

For driving a car at a speed of 35 miles per hour through Hennessy Road, on April 4, L. W. A. Ingram, R.A., was fined \$5. He pleaded guilty.

INEFFICIENT BRAKES

Tse Sheung, master of the Fu Sun bicycle shop, Hennessy Road, was summoned before Mr. T. J. Houston at Central Magistrate yesterday for allowing a bicycle to be hired without efficient brakes on March 20.

Traffic-Sergeant F. Appleton said the charge arose from an accident at the junction of O'Brien Road and Johnston Road, Wanchai, when a bicycle, ridden by a boy, ran into the side of a bus, resulting in injury to the boy. He examined the cycle after the accident, and found there were no front brakes, while the rear brakes were useless.

Tse, who denied the charge, was convicted and fined \$25.

Sgt. Appleton pointed out that many bicyclists were hired to the public and proprietors were slack in complying with the traffic regulations regarding brakes.

Mr. Houston remarked that if Tse allowed his cycles to be hired while they were in an inefficient condition, there was always danger to the lives of the riders.

WOMAN INJURED

Injuries to the head were received by Lal Mul, 61-year-old woman, when she was knocked down by a taxi in Bulkley Street, Kowloon, last night. She was later sent to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

CONSCRIPTION BILL WILL BE INTRODUCED

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infantry. After their training period with the regular army, the men will join the territorial army.

It is claimed that the reason for the conscription measure is because of the failure of the voluntary national register. A War Office official states that the number of volunteers who responded to the Government's appeal was still about 230,000 below the number required to bring the strength of the territorial army to the figures announced by the Government.—Trans-Ocean.

"Reuter's" understands that the Cabinet agreed on principle last night, and a two-hour meeting of the Cabinet to-day devoted consideration to specific proposals to be put before Parliament.

An announcement will be made in the House of Commons at the earliest possible moment, and it is expected that a bill will be introduced as soon as possible, to provide the necessary powers for the particular form of compulsory service which will eventually be decided upon.

The Cabinet will hold the ordinary weekly meeting to-morrow.—Reuter.

Surprise Cabinet Meeting

London, Apr. 25. A surprise meeting of the British Cabinet was held at 6.10 p.m. to-day.

It is rumoured that the Cabinet dealt with the questions of imminent conscription and also the British negotiations with Moscow.—United Press.

Young Men First

London, Apr. 25. It is understood that the age group contemplated as the first step in the Government's conscription plans is from 18 to 20.—Reuter.

Announcement Soon

London, Apr. 25. That under certain conditions England must introduce compulsory military training, was agreed upon by the British Cabinet during its Monday evening meeting, according to the "Daily Telegraph."

An announcement to this effect will be made in the near future, it is stated, unless a definite change in the international situation becomes apparent.

It is assumed that the first step would be to call up about half of those between 18 and 20 years of age taking into consideration those who would be regarded as indispensable to the various occupations.

The "News Chronicle" publishes a similar report stating that compulsory service would be introduced in a which would soon evolve into a regular military service.—Trans-Ocean.

Equal Obligations

Paris, Apr. 25. Public demand in France that England should make the same preparations for any possible military action as France, is being more and more emphatically raised.

The "Petit Journal" declares that the only possible basis of collaboration between England and France could be that of absolute equality of obligations.

"It is not permissible that French workmen and peasants should be able to say: 'We have to face guns, but the English only need to supply material and money!'"

"Le Matin" writes that in a possible war of the future it is not alone a matter of how many divisions it will be possible to raise, but also the possibility of being able to utilize them on the spur of the moment whenever war is now over.

Volunteers Too Slow

The semi-official "Petit Parisien" declares that the British General Staff has informed the British Government that voluntary recruiting is now adding 60,000 men a month to the British army, which is too slow to enable 25 new divisions to be raised rapidly.

The paper also declares that all preparatory measures have been taken in order to be able to begin with the rapid training and organization of a strong army after the introduction of compulsory military service in England. A plan, complete in all details, is already in the hands of Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the Secretary for War.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Apr. 25.

New York Cotton	
Opening	8.27/27
Closing	8.27/27
July	8.09/09
October	7.77/77
December	7.67/67
January	7.60/60
March	7.50/50
Spot	8.48N

The First Notice Day for May cotton is April 25th, and the last day is May 10th.

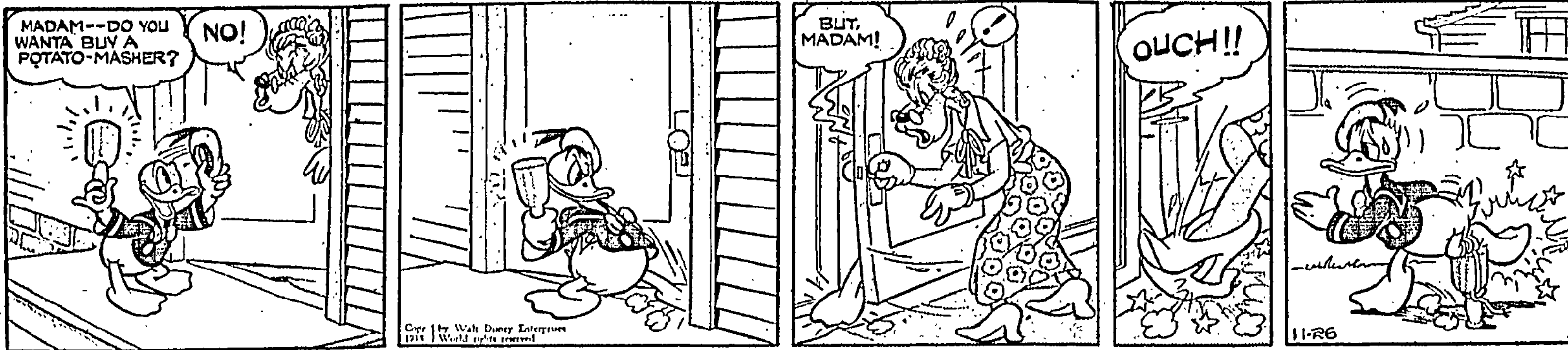
New York Rubber	
May	15.00/01
September	15.75/77
December	15.80/80

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ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON

Amusing Experiences Related Of Articled Clerk Days

An interesting and amusing talk on his experiences as an articled clerk in London thirty years ago was given by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., to the Rotary Club luncheon yesterday. The meeting was presided over by Major R. D. Walker, who welcomed the following Rotarians:—Y. G. Chen, of Chengtu; W. O. Nodes, of Hornsey; Van der Schalk, of Canton; and the following guests:—Messrs. S. S. Church, J. Fraser Brown, R. A. Wadson, D. Black, H. R. Forsyth, S. T. Butlin, H. J. Mackenzie, of Vancouver; H. S. Higginbotham, of Mandalay; Paul M. Hodgson, C. H. Liu, F. G. Maund, and George Haynes, of Shanghai.

Mr. Brown said: When your programme secretary asked me to address this distinguished society to-day, I told him that the only subject I thought I was competent to speak on was the life in the City of London in my young days and that I did not think the experiences of a clerk and articled clerk could be of any interest to you whatsoever. Further, that of all the types of bores, I consider the reminiscent bore to be the worst. However, Rotarian Mitchell assured me that I was mistaken and that as long as I made it amusing you were ready to laugh at almost anything.

A problem which often confronted parents in those days, as I suppose it does now, on the completion of their children's education was what to do with their sons if they had no particular inclination or bent. When I left school I had very decided views as to what I did not want to do, indeed I would have been perfectly happy to have done nothing at all. That obviously would not do and my father having formed a high opinion of the articled clerk profession asked me what I thought of it. I could think of no reasonable objection apart from the fact that I had never shown any particular inclination for figures. Let me here dispel any illusions you may have that an accountant must have a mathematical brain. One can become a perfectly competent accountant if one can subtract, multiply and divide, all of which I could achieve.

Start in Life

One of my father's friends, a partner in a rising firm of accountants, offered to take me on probation with a view to signing articles subsequently. It was agreed that I should start at the very bottom of the ladder, and so on a certain morning in September, 1905, I hung up my bowler, a 3s 6d model, in the general office of Messrs. D. D. & Co. In the capacity of junior office boy to commence the battle of business life. I wish I could tell you that I displayed that early promise which has so distinguished the commence-

ment of the careers of so many great men. Unfortunately such would be far from the truth.

As an office boy I was not a success. The things I would do with a brushful of water and a press copy letter book would have to be seen to be believed. It was very confusing life for a dreamy person like myself. There were five partners in the firm, and say for example when the internal office telephone would ring and a voice would say, "Bring me The Times," and then ring off, I could only look round helplessly and say "Somebody wants The Times."

The firm was an important one employing over twenty qualified men and numerous articled clerks and clerks. The senior partner was a figure of outstanding brilliance in the City, and had it not been for his timely death, the firm would probably have become one of the leading firms of chartered accountants in the world. I shall always remember my introduction to him. He had just returned from America. He hated boys and out of mercy they kept him from him as long as possible. However, the fatal moment arrived when both commissionaires and the senior office boys were out on errands, and the great man's buzzer sounded. Sick with apprehension I stood at the door and told him that the other members of the staff were out. He did not know where they were. The interview concluded by his saying "Damn your eyes. Don't stand staring at me. Get out!" And as I stumbled from the room I heard him inquire of the junior partner, "What was that?"

An Articled Clerk

Having managed to stay the course as an office boy, at the age of 17 I passed the required examination on educational subjects. I was asked if I would like to be articled. I said "No" without hesitation as I did not contemplate with pleasure the prospect of having to work for five years without remuneration when my friends were making good money, nor of having to sweat for one's examinations in the evening when one's friends were walking out with their girls, and from what I had seen of auditing it was unmitigated misery. However, when counsel prevailed, my objections were overruled. I discarded the life of an office boy and blossomed out in the top hat and tails of an articled clerk and a gentleman.

Incidentally the partner to whom I was articled and who undertook to be my mentor during my apprenticeship spoke to me on the subject of discipline—once on signing my articles, the second and third times to congratulate me on passing my two professional examinations and the last time to bid me good bye on my departure for the Far East. The routine of my articled clerk was less strenuous than that of an office boy. You were supposed to arrive at 9.30 but nobody did. There is a story of an unpunctual articled clerk who on arrival at his office on one occasion at 9.50 a.m. happened to meet his principal, who admonished him and said, "Mr. Jones, you ought to have been here at 9.30." "Really Sir?" replied the articled clerk. "What happened?"

Strict Discipline

Juniors were allotted to seniors and they proceeded to their respective audits by different routes, but with ample time for a cup of coffee on the way. The junior had to be there first with the audit papers, the pocket bottle of coloured ink and clean blotting paper all ready. Discipline was fairly strict. Certain things were definitely low and confined to clerks as distinguished from articled clerks. You had not to let the cuticles of your nails grow, you had to put your pen behind your ear and contrary to accepted custom of to-day, the figure "nought" must never be called the letter "O." If you called out an amount wrongly nothing was said but you receive a smart back on the shins.

In the office seniors and juniors shared the same lavatories and the

seniors complained of the state in which they were left, attaching the blame of course to the juniors. They posted a notice on the door asking users to leave the lavatories in the state in which they hoped to find them which rather misguidedly, they thought. Next morning they found to their chagrin that one of the juniors had written over the signatures "List of Principal Offenders."

My chief recollection of those days is of being chronically hungry. The venue of the mid-day meal varied as to whether I was flush or broke, from Wilkinson's a la mode beef where you paid 11d. for a plate of boiled and carrots, to a glass of milk and a slice of lunch cake at an A.B.C. at a cost of 2½d.

Used to Go Hungry

When working up West, I have even been down to a bag of sweets and the National Gallery. I remember once when I was consuming a poached egg on toast at a Lyons, an old gentleman sat down at the same table and rather astonished me by saying grace over his meal. When I had finished he begged me to have another portion at his expense because he had so much enjoyed watching me eat the first.

About this time I came under the supervision of the third partner, who was to have a tremendous influence on my future. He was an ornamental individual tall, languid, and immaculately turned out. He was known in the City as "Gawd" and his great friend as "Lord Gawd." He disliked me from the first. He did not kill him with overwork. On one occasion he was animating me on the laziness of the British workman and remarked, "You see that man over there. I've been watching him for the last half hour and he hasn't done a stroke of work."

One of his aims seemed to be to impress on subordinates that their time was of no importance whatsoever. He would ring for you and continue to read his paper for five or six minutes whilst you sat waiting and rapidly changing your position. On one occasion a bold young man finding him immersed in his Morning Post picked up the folded Financial News at the side of his desk shook it out and became equally engrossed. He used to smoke Turkish cigarettes through a long holder, and when passing accounts, he would occasionally drop the ash on to his papers and would prove to blow it over in to yours. The same young gentleman created an impossible situation by finally blowing it back. He did not last long.

Passed Examination

Having passed my intermediate examination after two and a half years, I was occasionally entrusted with the sole charge of an audit. One of my first jobs was the Royal Army Temperance Association in Victoria Street, and I well remember one day when a dapper little gentleman asked me to sit with him on a sofa and explain the accounts. He said he could never understand why, as the sides of a Balance Sheet, balanced, the assets were not always exactly equal to the liabilities. I was really able to recognize him from his pictures as the late Earl Roberts. At about this time the rubber boom was at its height and my firm were engaged in the flotation of several companies. This necessitated the staff working all night for three consecutive nights. I found it a wonderful experience, particularly when the whole staff from partners to commissionaires would adjourn for dinner to the Great Eastern Hotel. I was paid overtime, and it seemed to me incredible that my worldly wealth was accumulating at the rate of 1s. per hour.

We had some characters in the office in those days. One old gentleman with a voice like the bull of Boston had a secretary on the floor above. When the old gentleman telephoned to him the secretary never dreamed of going to the instrument, but would put his head through the door and shout down. A certain offensively person roscin in the name of Bertrand. Robert Hather Baker was of distinctly Latin appearance; and it used to amuse "impudent young articled clerks to put their heads round his door and enquire "Wat is zi price of chestnuts to-day, Ha?"

Then there were the two men who shared a room. And had not spoken to each other for five years.

With the final examination approaching, life for an articled clerk

OFFICIAL SECRETS REPORT

London, Apr. 25. The Select Committee which inquired into the application of the Official Secrets Act to Members of Parliament in the discharge of their parliamentary duties have issued a report. They think it is inadvisable to attempt to precisely define the extent of immunity of members from prosecution under the Official Secrets Act.

The Committee's inquiry brought home to members the need for discretion in seeking information regarding matters affecting the safety of the realm, and impressed upon Ministers that the powers conferred upon the executive must not be used to impede members in discharging their parliamentary duties. The inquiry was the result of the Sandys case last December.—Reuter.

becomes strenuous. For six months before the examinations practically the whole of his time is occupied with coaching classes and private study. My chances seemed pretty gloomy but to the astonishment of myself, my coaches, my employers, my friends and relations, my number appeared on the list of those successful.

Expected to Know All

A fully pledged chartered accountant is a person of considerable importance at any rate in his own eyes. According to accepted theory, on a salary of £110 per year in those days, he was expected to know the unknobable, see the unseeable.

I wish I could draw a veil on the remainder of my service as a qualified man, but the truth must be told. I was side-tracked to one of those jobs which are worse than a home accountant's existence, any amount of work but little recompense. Consequently whenever my employers saw me the size of their lions increased and I was made the scape-goat. I could do nothing right and things grew worse and worse. Ultimately the blow fell and one day in front of quite a large audience, after reducing me to gibbering imbecility, my services were dispensed with. In other words I was fired. Under stress of emotion, I feverishly hunted through the list of situations vacant in the Times and found a job that would take me furthest away from London in general and that partner in particular. There was a position in Hongkong advertised at a salary of £250 per month. My colleagues were not sure whether it was a treaty port or a Crown Colony, an island or the mainland. On one thing they were agreed however, that it was a long way from London and that was good enough for me. I applied for the post and to my surprise was accepted.

A Rude Meeting

One word more about the gentleman who fired me. I saw him no more until my last furlough in 1930 when I attended a dinner at which he was present. I had to say a few words in response to the toast of the guests. I spoke to him after the dinner when he disclaimed any knowledge of having seen me before, which was rather rich, considering I had worked for him for seven years. I asked him if he did not even remember firing me. I awarded him full marks for his answer. He said—"I could never have done it. As I listened to your speech I thought that here was a young man of presence and personality whom I should like to have with me."

Thus it came about that with this stock in trade of those text books on professional subjects, I shook the dust of the metropolis from my feet and set out to make my fortune in the glorious East.

I thank you for your forbearance in relating to this account of my early struggles, and trust it may have afforded you some degree of diversion.

Vote of Thanks

Rotarian E. J. R. Mitchell thanked the speaker whom he said he had known for 25 years. He himself had made his debut in the City of London 28 years ago and amused the gathering by recounting several of his experiences. He expressed the hope that he would have another opportunity of listening to the speaker.

OUTPORT ROTARIANS

Mr. C. T. Wang, when called upon by the chairman to address the gathering, announced that outport Rotarian meetings would be held on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 12.45 p.m. in the China Building. He invited all those present to attend the first one on May 4.

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12.0-12.20 p.m. Relay of Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.

12.30-1.00 p.m. At Hollington at the Organ.

Medley Of Serenades; Intro: Serenade "Frasquita" (Lehar); Serenade (Heykens); Serenade (Schubert); Serenade (Toselli); Second Serenade (Heykens); Serenade "Student Prince" (Romberg); Escapade (A Mexican Elopement—Phillips); Lionel Monckton Melodies (arr. Stanford Robinson); Intro: Soldiers in the Park; Chalk Farm to Camberwell Green; Fly away Jack; A simple little string; When I marry Amelia; Grandmamma; Brighton; Moonstruck; Acady is ever young; It's the drum; Come to the Ball; A Country Girl.

12.46 The Angelus Ocel.

Nocturne In E Flat Major (Chopin), Op. 9, No. 2—arr. Hartley; Spring Song—Song Without Words No. 30 (Mendelssohn, Op. 62, No. 6); Cradle Song (Brahms, arr. Hartley); Serenade (Schubert).

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Gitta Alpar (Soprano) and George Boulanger and His Orchestra.

Hungarian March Potpourri (Pecsi-Prichstall); George Boulanger and His Orchestra; Sing Something in The Morning (C. B. Cochran's Revue "Home and Beauty"); No More (C. B. Cochran's Revue "Home and Beauty"); Gitta Alpar (Soprano) with Orchestra; Gypsy Serenade (Boulanger); Tango Torero (Boulanger); George Boulanger and His Orchestra; The Dubarry (film "I Give My Heart") Gitta Alpar (Soprano) with Orchestra; Caucasian Suite (Ipollito-Twain); George Boulanger and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.40 Dance Music and Variety.

Organ—Lilac Time—Selection (Schubert)—Harry Davidson; Instrumental—Julia A. Crook (Smith and Williams)—Eddie Pen-

body playing his Banjo, Guitar, Mandoline and Mando-Cello (With own vocal chorus), with Piano; Dance Orch.—Shu-Shu—Slow Fox-Trot; The Latin Quarter—Fox-Trot (film "The Gay Impostors")... The Six Swingers directed by George Scott Wood. With Vocal Chorus; Vocal—Wake Up And Live (from the film); There's A Lull In My Life (film "Wake Up And Live")... Alice Payne with Cy Feuer Orch.; Humorous—The Crazy Gang At Sea (Crazy Gang and Will Wise)... Nervo and Knox, Flanagan and Allen; Naughton and Gold.

2.15 Close down.

6.0 Brahms Songs.

The May Night; Sapphic Ode... Maria Olaszewska (Soprano) with Piano accompaniment by George Reeves (Sung in German).

6.06 Brahms—Symphony No. 3 In F Major, Op. 90.

Willern Mengelberg and His Concertgebouw Orchestra.

6.43 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.45 Robert Burnett (Baritone) and Margaret Stewart (Soprano) in a Scottish Programme.

The Portree Men, March; Because He Was A Bonnie Lad, Strathspey; The Wind That Shook The Barley; Reel... Pipe Band of H.M. 2nd Battalion Scots Guards; The Auld Scots Songs (Bethune and Leach—arr. McFady); I'm Glad My Heart's My (arr. Inglis)... Margaret F. Stewart (Soprano) with Orchestra; Petronella (arr. Black); Strip The Willow (arr. Black)... Scottish Country Dance Orchestra cond. by J. Michael Dacre; Willie's Gane To Melville Castle (Stephen and Burnett); The Lea Rig (arr. Burnett)... Robert Burnett (Baritone) with Piano; Bonnie Scotland (arr. Pether); Intro: Stop your tickling, Grog; Bonnie Banks o' Lock Lomond; Four leaf Shamrock; Roaming in the Gloaming; Keep right on to the end of the road; She is Ma Daisy; Ye banks and braes; I have a lassie; Comin' thro' the Rye; Auld Lang Syne... New Mayfair Orchestra.

7.15 London Relay—"Gentle Persuasion".

A short story written for broadcasting by Kevin FitzGerald and read by the author.

7.30 London Relay—"At the Black Door".

Mr. Wilkes—at home in his own bar-parlour.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Violoncello Solos by Maurice Marchand.

Indian Lament (Dvorak, arr. Kreisler); Dimanche De Paques Sur La Mer (Dupont, arr. de Feuilleard)... with Maurice Faure at the Piano; Serenade Espagnole (Glazounov, Op. 20, No. 2)... with Jean Doyen at the Piano.

8.15 London Relay—"Sing-Song".

A mid-week variety entertainment.

9.15 London Relay—"The News".

9.30 London Relay—"Empire Exchange".

Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies.

9.45 London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes.

9.50 Studio—"That Music Reminds Me"—3.

Dialogue by Terrance Gilbert.

10.20 Haydn—Symphony No. 6 In G Major ("Surprise").

11.0 Close down.

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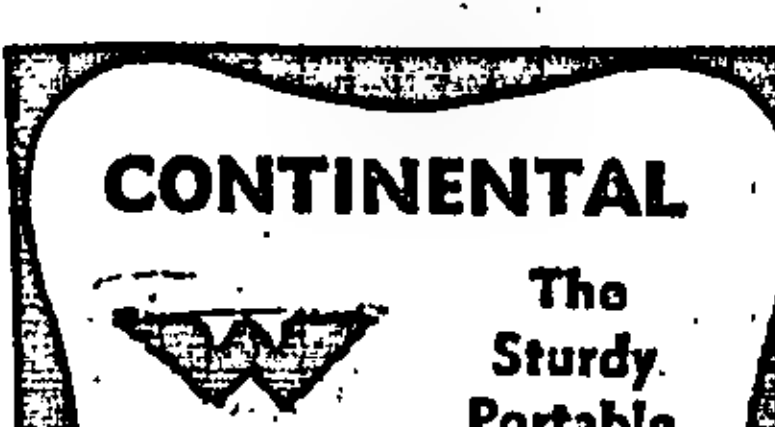


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11.0 Close down.

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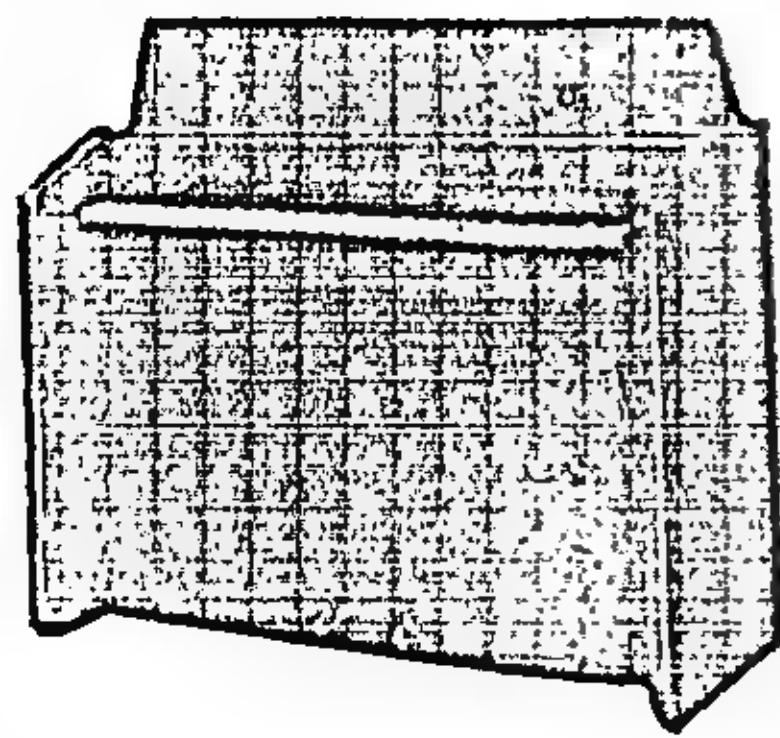
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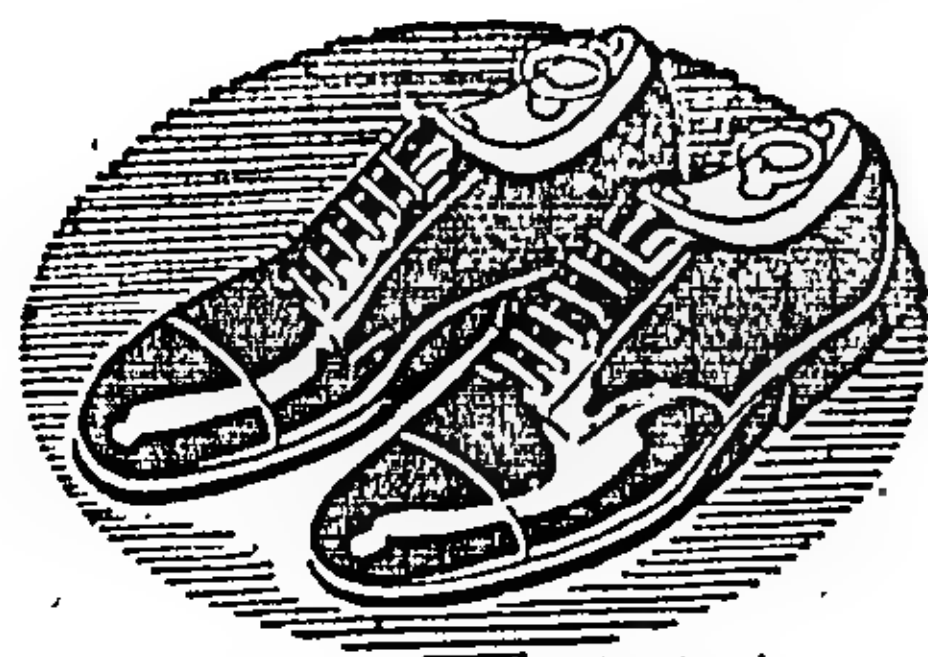
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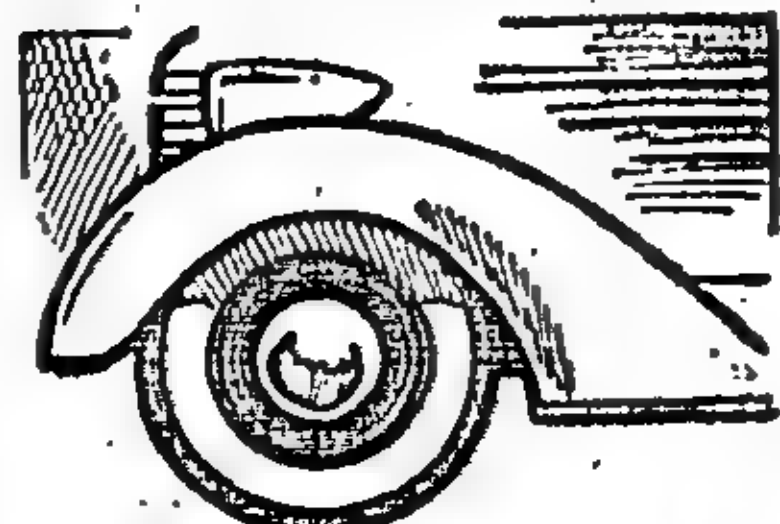


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ing Canada and India occurs on
the twenty-fifth anniversary of the
completion of the Eastern Extension
cable between Aden and Hongkong.

A reference to the "Telegraph"
files of 1914 shows that this cable,
which was laid by the cable-ship
Colonia, was spliced on April 23,
1914, at a point 260 miles south
of the Colony, thus permitting
direct cable communication between
this Colony and Aden (and
thus England) the first time.

It is no far cry to the time
when cable costs were so exorbi-
tant that their use was for the
moneyed few and commercial
firms. To-day, thanks to Ed-
ward Wilshaw, one of the
world's greatest authorities on
international communications, the
Cable & Wireless Ltd. intra-
Empire service has become in
effect a "penny-postage" cable
scheme for the masses.

Many of the reductions in cable
tolls in the past eighteen months
have been astounding. The latest
reduction, effective on May, per-
mits every exile in this Colony,
whatever his or her means, to use
the world's greatest communica-
tions service at a cost that is but
four times greater than the inland
telegraphic service in England;
that compares favourably, indeed,
with the trans-Continental tele-
graph services in the United
States. With the promise of
radio-telephonic development,
linking Hongkong with over 90
per cent. of the world's sub-
scribers, residents of this Colony
have indeed much to thank the
genius who has made it possible.

A brief biographical sketch of
the Chief of Messrs. Cable & Wire-
less Ltd. would not be out of place.
Edward Wilshaw was born in Lon-
don in 1880, and is a descendant of
Thomas Wilshaw, an Elder Brother
of Trinity House who about 1690
succeeded Samuel Pepys, the
famous diarist, as Comptroller of
the Navy. Wilshaw entered the
service of the Eastern Telegraph
Company immediately after leaving
school, progressed rapidly, and was
eventually appointed the company's
General Manager and Secretary, be-
coming one of the best-known men
in the City of London. He was ap-
pointed General Manager and

THE WALL OF STEEL

MR. BALDWIN de-
clared in 1934 that
"The British fron-
tier is on the Rhine."

In other words he as-
serted that the centre of
gravity of European peace
rested on the Rhine. If at
times it has appeared to
shift to the Yangtse or the
Nile, the Volga, or the
North-West Frontier of In-
dia, to France more so than
to England it has always
been the Rhine that mat-
tered.

To guard herself against any
repetition of the invasion of
1914 and at gigantic cost, not
far short of £100,000,000, the
whole area of the frontier line
has been made by France as
safe as possible.

The first and essential fea-
ture of this vast defence chain
of steel and concrete, covering
forts above and below ground,
is that it is sited on the fron-
tier and not miles behind it.



FRANCE has pinned her
faith on her military
skill to prevent any invasion of
her territory.

But with German forces not
only near by, but bang on the
frontier itself, there is always
the danger of defences being
rushed, suddenly and swiftly.
The new instrument of war—
mechanical armoured weapons
—has changed the entire mili-
tary situation, and an offensive
planned secretly is an ever-
present danger.

After past experience it is
difficult to trust Germany and
to accept her guarantee of
security that such will never
happen.

It might suit Hitler for
France to scrap her mighty de-
fence works built up by 15
years of labour and sacrifice, but
to the outside world such a
suggestion savours of gross in-
sincerity or a complete lack of
appreciation of the true French
position.

France is defended from the
Belgian frontier to the Mediter-
ranean Sea at Nice. The sector
which protects the Italian fron-
tier does not enter into serious
consideration at present.



IT is from the frontier at
the S.W. of Switzerland
(Lake Geneva), past the Jura
Mountains guarding Val d'Aoste,
the Vosges Mountains guarding
Belfort, Nancy and Bitché to
Wissenbourg, then N.W. to
Longwy, Maubeuge and Lille
that is of interest, and most
particularly the sectors from
Strasbourg to Longwy covering
Toul, Metz, Verdun, Thionville
and St. Avold, and the vital in-
dustrial iron-fields of Briey.

In the construction of these
defences France has never
contemplated a jumping-off
ground for an invasion of Ger-
many, and hence they are not
adaptable as bases for an
attack.



MANY eyes are turned
now to the sector along
the Valley of the Moselle and
southwards to Strasbourg, Ver-

Secretary of the great Empire
combine formed when the Govern-
ment merged nearly all communica-
tion systems throughout the Empire.

His great ambition, now realised,
has been to bring the Empire's
cable and radio services within
touch of everyone in the Common-
wealth.

It has been a great work, from
which the public has benefited
enormously. High cable tolls of
the past have as effectively aided
isolation for the majority of exiles
from home as if cables did not
exist. Cheap tolls have brought
the four corners of the Empire
much closer together.



"For miles it appears as if the
peaceful countryside had neither
soldier nor fort; under the
green grass of the field the de-
fences lie hid."

By
Major
Reade

objective, "the safety of
France."

Yet France is greatly per-
turbed. Germany has also built
a line of fortifications on her
side of the frontier as much as
to say, "We wait the day;
numerically our greater man-
population will swamp you?"
And then . . .

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

April 26, 1914.
If our friends wish to have a genuine ex-
perience of how our beautiful harbour
can smell, we would recommend them
to walk any night after ten o'clock
from the old P. & O. wharf to
Murray Barracks and from the Blue
Buildings to Jardine's godowns at
East Point. And then the Colonial
Surgeon and Dr. Canille might in-
form the community what influence
the combination of stinks which
makes night hideous would be likely
to have on the public health during
the hot weather.

The statutory general meeting of
the Peak Hotel and Trading Com-
pany was held at noon to-day, in the
City Hall. In point of attendance it
might almost have been held in a
kitchen. For besides the Chairman
(the Hon. P. Ryrie), Mr. J. Ander-
son (director), Mr. W. Thomas
(manager), and Mr. C. Mooney
(secretary) there were only present
Messrs. W. H. Ray, G. Murray Bain,
E. W. Whitland, W. Farlane, J. D.
Sennariville and W. C. Wylie.

The Chairman simply announced
that all the shares had been taken up,
and the business was progressing,
and the proceedings terminated.

25 YEARS AGO

April 26, 1914.
In the Legislative Council Cham-
ber on Thursday there was an echo
of the scandalous delays in the build-
ing of Hongkong's Post Office and
Law Court.

A Bill which came before the Coun-
cil for a first time was that which
amends the existing Airships Ord-
inance by giving statutory power to
enable force to be used to compel the
descent of aircraft which disobey
the law. Hongkong must, of course,
be thoroughly up-to-date, and it will
be generally agreed that every means
possible should be taken to guard
our little fortified island from the
possibility of invasion. Every year
now, aircraft plays a more important
part in warfare, while the airship
has come to be a most useful adjunct
to would-be spies. Any step there-
fore, such as the present Bill, which
aims at immunity from espionage is
to be welcomed. There is only one
point, however, and that is whether
we are sufficiently up-to-date in
Hongkong to possess anti-aircraft
weapons with which to impose force
on the disobedient aviator? If not,
the Bill will be of small avail.

10 YEARS AGO

April 26, 1929.
Hongkong's deep and sincere affec-
tion for the Royal Family has been
exemplified in the fullest possible
measure this morning. Enhanced by
the news of His Majesty's progress
to convalescence, the arrival in the
Colony of the Duke of Gloucester,
was made an occasion of great public
rejoicing, our Royal Visitor lending
amid scenes of brilliant splendour
and almost unparalleled enthusiasm.

5 YEARS AGO

April 26, 1934.
The small island of St. Helena,
historically famous as Napoleon's
place of exile after the Battle of
Waterloo, celebrated the centenary
as a Crown Colony yesterday.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Haven't you any country without a crisis?"

OVERNIGHT NEWS PAGE

Japan

Military Pact Is Turned Down

Tokyo, Apr. 25. Sources close to the Government assert that the Inner Cabinet has decided on a fundamental policy under which Japan will avoid participation in a general anti-democratic pact unless the democracies' co-operation with the Soviet endangers Japan's Far Eastern position.

It is understood that agreement was reached after a stormy session providing for a compromise of a military alliance between Germany, Italy and Japan against the Soviet exclusively, provisions under which the alliance would be broadened in the event of other Powers being actively allied with the Soviet to menace Japan, and co-operation under the anti-Comintern pact providing for exchange of information on military supplies, details of which have not been settled.

The Inner Cabinet consists of five key members and recently it has been very intensively active. After deciding further details the matter is now before the full Cabinet.

Emphasis is placed on Britain's conversations with Russia and Turkey, on which there have been numerous reports and discussions. Col. Takesuki Isumaru, military attaché to Turkey, was engaged in a private conversation with General Itagaki for five hours and reported his belief that Turkey was unwilling to co-operate fully with Britain.

A German mission headed by Col. Mendel is at present in Tokyo, carrying out activities of a mysterious nature on which the German Embassy can throw no light. It is believed, however, that pressure is being put on the War Office for an alliance.

The Japanese military attaché in Berlin and Moscow are at present in Tokyo, and also Mr. Nobumi Ito, former Ambassador to Poland and recently on a special mission to Berlin, will return soon.

In the background of the recent negotiations, Mr. Oshima Shiratori throughout the winter has been agitating for an alliance. On March 20 the Foreign Office instructed the ambassador for five hours and reported his belief that Turkey was unwilling to co-operate fully with Britain.

INTENSE ACTIVITY

Tokyo, Apr. 25. Political circles in Tokyo are focussing attention on the continuous and intense activity shown by Government leaders in recent days, reportedly in connection with the European situation.

In spite of the day being a National Holiday on the occasion of the Extraordinary Festival of the Yasukuni Shrine, five key Ministers of the Government met in an urgent session at the Premier's official residence this afternoon.

Premier Hiranuma summoned the Five-Minister conference including War Minister Itagaki, Navy Minister Yonai, Foreign Minister Arita, and Finance Minister Ishiwata, in the afternoon as a result of the interview between the Premier and the Foreign Minister in the morning.—Domei.

HONOURS DEAD

Japanese Emperor At Yasukuni Shrine

Tokyo, Apr. 25. Proclaiming a National Holiday, His Majesty, the Emperor this morning personally worshipped before the newly-enshrined war dead at the Yasukuni Shrine, in company with many Princes of the Blood.

The most solemn moment of the five-days Extraordinary Grand Festival was observed at 10.15 a.m. when, with the sounding of sirens as the signal, the entire one hundred million subjects of the Empire offered silent prayers as His Majesty stood at attention for one minute before the sanctuary in honour of the souls of 10,399 war heroes who sacrificed themselves for the State in China.

Over 20,000 members of the families of the war heroes packed the precincts of the Shrine. Presented by the Grand Chamberlain, His Majesty offered a branch of the sacred tree to the altar. As the Emperor was offering, silent prayers before the sanctuary, Her Majesty the Empress, and Her Majesty the Empress Dowager, also observed one-minute silence in the Imperial Palace.

During the day, over one million citizens, including boys and girls, visited the Shrine.—Domei.

SAGRES SEIZURE: CREW IN HONGKONG

The Captain and crew of the Douglas Company's steamer Sagres, which was seized by the Japanese over a fortnight ago and is at present held in a port between Amoy and Swatow, arrived in Hongkong by the Canton Maru yesterday. They gave no direct account of the seizure of the Sagres, but a statement was later issued by Mr. S. T. Williamson, Manager of the Douglas Steamship Company Ltd., with the cognisance of the Hongkong Naval Authorities.

The statement is as follows: "The officers and crew of the a.s. Sagres returned this afternoon from the Pescadores in the Japanese ship, Canton Maru.

"Before leaving the Pescadores the Master was informed that the Sagres had been detained for further examination by the Japanese authorities and that her part-cargo of 60 tons of salt would be confiscated. Both officers and men, during their 14 days' detention at the Pescadores, were repeatedly examined by the Japanese authorities as to the bona fides of the ship, her cargo, and ports of call.

"There can be no doubt as to the right of the ship to fly the Red Ensign or of the correctness of her trading.

"It will be recalled that H.M.S. Thracian was sent from Swatow to investigate when the news of a threat of seizure was received. H.M.S. Thracian found the Sagres in the hands of a prize crew and under Naval escort. Although strong protest was made by the Thracian's Commanding Officer to the Japanese destroyer Commander the right to board the Sagres was refused.

"Since the seizure of the Sagres energetic action has been taken with the Japanese Naval Authorities and the matter has been referred to the Foreign Office. The result of these protests is not yet known, but in view of the unwarranted detention of the vessel further action will be required to effect the release of the vessel.

"The owners and the Douglas Steamship Company, Ltd., who are the charterers, have fully satisfied the authorities as to the bona fides of the Sagres.

Arrival Of Seistan

The Seistan, also belonging to the Douglas Company, arrived from the north yesterday. The Seistan was one of several ships boarded by the Japanese at Sharp Peak, but without untoward result. H.M.S. Scout had placed guards aboard her and the Japanese did not attach her.

Spain

Five-Hour Parade In Madrid

Madrid, Apr. 25. About 140,000 men will take part in the victory parade in Madrid. All corps of the Nationalist Spanish army will be represented by delegations in the strength of from one company to one regiment.

On account of the great heat prevailing in May in the Spanish capital, the parade will not last more than four or six hours. The troops taking part in the parade will therefore march in closely formed ranks.—Trans-Ocean.

CIANO FOR MADRID

Rome, Apr. 25. It is reported that Count Ciano will visit Madrid about the middle of next month which will be about the time of the victory parade in Madrid by Franco's forces.—Reuter Bulletin.

DUKE OF ALBA

London, Apr. 25. The Duke of Alba, who returned from Spain on Monday, visited the Foreign Office to-day. Spanish sources say that the visit of the Ambassador to Burgos was for information only.—United Press.

FRONTIER DEFENCES

Paris, Apr. 25. The Spanish Government has invited all foreign journalists in Spain to inspect the Spanish-Portuguese frontier and the frontier district near Gibraltar. It is reported by the French Radio Agency to-day. The Spanish Government wishes to give the opportunity to the press representatives of the great democracies to see for themselves that the report spread about Spanish war preparation are unfounded.—Trans-Ocean.

SYRIAN QUESTION

French High Commissioner Reports to Chamber

Paris, Apr. 25. The French High Commissioner in Syria, M. Puaux, made a lengthy report to the Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, on the Syrian situation yesterday. The entire Syrian problem is to be exhaustively discussed at a ministerial conference in the presence of M. Puaux to-morrow.

The Foreign Committee of the French Chamber in one of the next meetings will try to ask how far France could keep the promise given in 1936 by the popular front regime of M. Leon Blum to Syria regarding its future independence.—Trans-Ocean.

Pressman Expelled

Rome, Apr. 25. The well-known American journalist Richard Mower, who for some months past has represented the Chicago Daily News as correspondent here, has, it is announced, been ordered to leave Italy within one week. The expulsion is motivated by the general political attitude of Mower.—Trans-Ocean.

Warning To Hitler

BRITAIN TO BACK ROOSEVELT

London, Apr. 25. Sir Neville Henderson is expected to see Herr von Ribbentrop, German Foreign Minister, in Berlin to-day.

It is generally assumed, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, that the British Ambassador will take the opportunity of stressing certain fundamental points of British policy, including the determination that any further aggression must be resisted. At the same time he is expected to make it absolutely clear that in no circumstances is an encirclement of Germany intended.

The Ambassador may well point out that British policy remains a policy of peace, but at the same time it is held essential that the dangers inherent in recent events be brought to an end.—Reuter.

Support Roosevelt Plea

London, Apr. 25. According to diplomatic sources, Sir Neville Henderson will tell Herr Hitler that the British Government gives the fullest support to President Roosevelt's appeal and will urge him to accept the appeal in the spirit in which it was made. The Ambassador will also point out that rejection of the appeal would increase international tension aimed at breaking point, and will reaffirm Britain's willingness to assist Germany in gaining access to sources of raw materials.—United Press.

Further Questions

London, Apr. 25. In the House of Commons to-morrow Mr. Neville Chamberlain will answer a private question to be put by Mr. Arthur Henderson (Lab., Kingwinford) whether the British Government has accepted President Roosevelt's invitation to participate in a world conference and whether it remains the policy of the Government to discuss all outstanding questions between it and the German Government as part of a general settlement ensuring the establishment of permanent peace on the basis of justice to all nations, including the Czech nation.

Mr. N. A. Beechman (Lib. Nat., St. Ives) will ask whether in view of President Roosevelt's intimation the United States would be willing to take part in negotiations for the purpose of removing possible causes of friction between the nations and make it clear to the world forthwith that Britain was willing, so far as it lies in her power, to contribute to the consolidation of peace by ensuring to all countries access to raw materials, subject to effective international disarmament.—United Press.

M. COULONDRE RETURNING

Paris, Apr. 25. The French Ambassador to Germany, M. Coulondre, will probably depart to-day for his post in Berlin, it is reported in the morning papers. Considerable significance is attributed to the Anglo-German relations and the work of the British delegation in Bucharest, the papers being of the unanimous opinion that this activity will not be limited to a trade agreement and a British loan. One important question which will undoubtedly be discussed is granting of the privilege to the British fleet to use the harbour of Constanza as a Black Sea base.—Trans-Ocean.

NOT A RECOGNITION

Paris, Apr. 25. La Petite Presse states that the return of M. Coulondre in no way signifies French recognition of Germany's annexation of Czechoslovakia or the setting up of a protectorate.—Reuter Special.

NOT CONVINCED

Paris, Apr. 25. The statement made by the British Prime Minister, Mr. Chamberlain, in the House of Commons yesterday that no extraordinary importance is to be attached to the unexpectedly early return of the British Ambassador, Sir Neville Henderson, to Berlin, has not convinced the French press, which is still insisting this morning that the suddenness of the British Ambassador's return to the German capital indicates he has a special message for the Fuehrer.

The French leftist press is annoyed with Mr. Chamberlain for trying to overcome the present international crisis by peaceful means. Pertinax, writing in the Ordre, attacks the British Prime Minister because he sent Sir Neville back, pointing out that such methods would lessen the British prestige with the smaller nations.—Trans-Ocean.

Sydney Riot

Sydney, Apr. 25. Australians and New Zealanders throughout the world are celebrating Anzac Day to-day. Crowds including many ex-servicemen, demonstrated in front of the German Consulate here. The police and fire brigade restored order after the crowd had threatened to haul down the swastika flag.—United Press.

Shanghai Car Crash

SECOND VICTIM SUCCUMBS

Shanghai, Apr. 25. Full details were revealed by the Japanese authorities of the motor-car accident on Broadway Road in which Dr. Bertman Lillie was killed. It is revealed that a private motor-car carrying three foreigners ran east to west along Broadway Road about 9.20 o'clock last night. As the car was going to run through a Japanese defence outpost, a Japanese blue-jacket standing on duty signalled the car to stop.

The car refused to stop and continued to drive along whereupon the Japanese blue-jacket jumped on to the footboard in an attempt to halt the car. The three foreigners riding in the car, however, started a wild drive to throw off the Japanese sentinel.

The car then crashed into the motor-bus of the China Development Company running from the opposite direction. The Chinese driver and conductor of the motor-bus were also injured. The Japanese blue-jacket identified as First Class Seaman Yoshimori Igarashi had three right ribs and the right thigh-bone broken.—Domei.

SEAMAN SUCCUMBS

Shanghai, Apr. 25. The death toll of last night's car crash mounted as Yoshimori Igarashi died at dawn from multiple injuries. Sergeant R. J. Winmett, S.M.P., Mrs. Lillie were still lying in serious conditions in the General Hospital. A light was shed on the circumstances surrounding the crash by a Japanese naval spokesman who revealed that Mr. Lillie had dragged a heavy barbed-wire chevaux-de-frise with a steel frame 100 metres after crossing the bridge spanning Hongkew Creek.

The chevaux-de-frise was placed before the Japanese sentry box whose occupant sought to halt Mr. Lillie by shouting "Stop" in English. Mr. Winmett patrolling Broadway ordered Mr. Lillie to stop, boarded the car, and returned with him to the bridge.

Mr. Lillie turned the car about and before the sentry could speak to him through a Japanese civilian acting as interpreter, started his car again at high speed.

ZIG-ZAG COURSE

Seaman Igarashi stepped on the running board, shouting to Mr. Lillie to stop, while Mrs. Lillie seated beside her husband was also said to have shouted.

Mr. Lillie did not heed and drove in a zig-zag course and crashed headlong into the moving bus after careening more than 500 metres.

Regarding the alleged altercation when a Japanese officer was charged with having struck Mr. A. H. Samson, Assistant Commissioner of the S.M.P., in the General Hospital, the spokesman blamed Mr. Samson's overbearing attitude. The inquest of Mr. Lillie's body was held by the British authorities at 3.30 p.m. to-day, a Japanese surgeon being in attendance in order to ascertain Mr. Lillie's sobriety at the time of the accident.—Domei.

Bolivia Becomes Latest Totalitarian

La Paz, Apr. 25. According to reports from the Bolivian Republic, Lieutenant Colonel Busch yesterday decreed the dissolution of the Chamber and Senate, annulling the Bolivian Constitution. In a statement to the press Colonel Busch declared that the present parliamentary regime in Bolivia would be substituted by a totalitarian Government with the necessary economic and political powers.—Trans-Ocean.

President's Statement

La Paz, Apr. 25. The President of Bolivia has announced that Bolivia is now a totalitarian State and that Parliament will be dissolved.

In a statement the President said that the change was necessary as the political parties were stirring up political strife in the country.—Reuter Bulletin.

Yugo-Slavia

CABINET EXPECTED TO RESIGN

Belgrade, Apr. 25. Informed quarters here expect that the Yugo-Slav Cabinet will resign in the course of to-day in connection with the successful outcome of the Premier's negotiations with the Croat leader, Mactchek.

It is considered certain that an agreement with Mactchek has already been reached and that its terms will be published within the next few days.

It is believed that following formal resignation of the Cabinet, the Premier will be again entrusted with the task of forming a Ministry in which he will retain the post of Minister of the Interior. It is anticipated that the Ministers of War, Foreign Affairs and Education will also remain at their posts. The Croats who form about 28 per cent of the total population of Yugo-Slavia, will probably be represented in the new Cabinet by four men, the Ministers of Public Works, Mines and Forests, Justice, and Commerce and Industry. It does not yet appear certain whether Mactchek will himself accept a seat in the Cabinet.—Trans-Ocean.

British Shipping Contracts

London, Apr. 25. Contracts for over 100 merchant ships with a gross tonnage of 500,000 tons have been awarded since the Government announced on March 28 that a State subsidy for shipbuilding had been granted, reports the Daily Telegraph this morning. The paper estimates that no less than 1,750 new freighters are necessary for British commerce and states that by the end of the year about 1,500,000 tons will be on the stocks.—Trans-Ocean.

Shanghai

Papers Cautioned By Consul

Shanghai, Apr. 25. The Japanese authorities are dissatisfied at the measures taken by the British authorities in connection with the control of anti-Japanese propaganda organs in the International Settlement.

Following receipt of representations from the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Yoshikida Miura, on April 14, the British Consul-General, Mr. Herbert Phillips, summoned on Sunday the representatives of Chinese newspapers under British registry.

The British Consul-General cautioned against the use of terminology likely to provoke Japanese and asked the representatives of vernacular newspapers to refrain from using such terms as "puppet" or "traitor", while such restrictions will not be necessary in foreign cables. Mr. Yoshikida Miura, also requested the Shanghai Municipal Council on April 21 to prohibit the display of Chinese Nationalist flags in the Settlement and to suppress anti-Japanese propaganda in the foreign-controlled area.

PROTEST BY MAYOR

Mayor Fu Sien-shan of the Chinese Special Municipality of Shanghai under the control of the Reformed Government sent a note to the French Consul-General, M. Baudet, on Monday protesting against the assassination of Mr. Wang Hsien, Secretary of the Municipality, by Chinese terrorists in the French Concession on April 17.

It is understood that the Mayor demanded the following: Firstly, prompt arrest of the assassin or assassins. Secondly, enforcement of effective measures for the search and control of terrorists in the French Concession.

Thirdly, participation of the police of the Chinese Municipality in the search of subversive elements in the French Concession.

The Mayor referred in his note to the assassinations of one police officer of the Special Municipality and one judge appointed by the Municipality in the French Concession on February 16 this year. Reminding that the notes sent to the French Consul-General under the date of February 17 and March 10 with regard to the previous terrorist crimes have not been replied the Mayor requested the French authorities to forward replies promptly.

In the previous notes, Mr. Fu requested prompt arrest of assassins, search of subversive elements transfer of the Special District Court and prohibition of display of Kuomintang flags in the Concession.—Domei.

MR. W. R. GILBEY Noted Distillery Owner Visits Hongkong

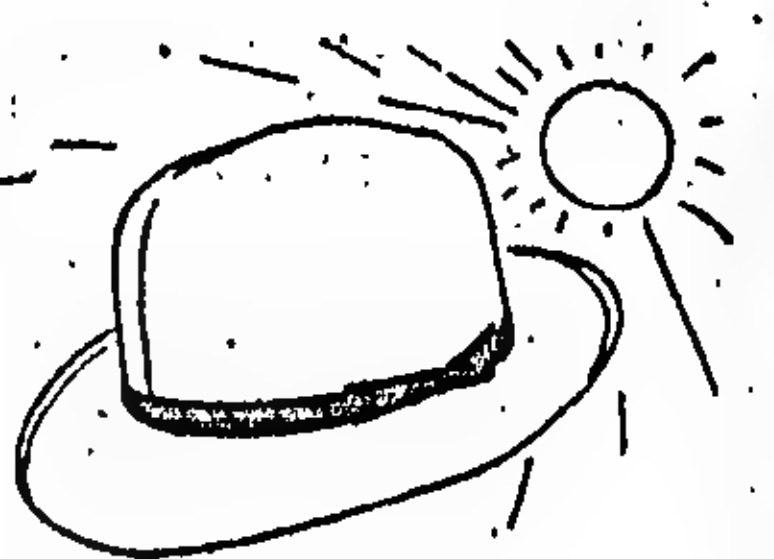
Mr. W. R. Gilbey, grandson of Sir Walter Gilbey, founder of the large wine and spirits distilleries, has just left Hongkong for Manila. For some months Mr. Gilbey has been touring the world, meeting agents of the branches of his firm. Later, he intends to visit Australia where a new distillery has been opened.

Sir Walter Gilbey, who was a keen sportsman in Victorian England, will be remembered for his severe criticism of women's riding kit in Rotten Row.

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NEW CLOTHES
—Baby as Well as Mother

OUR instinct to have new and
gay clothes at the first sign
of spring sunshine, even if it's
only a bunch of flowers to pin on
our coats, is a thoroughly healthy
one and an impulse which
puts us in tune with Mother
Earth who is bedecking herself
in new greenery.

Even baby enjoys something new
—perhaps a bit of coloured ribbon
on her frock to catch her eye.

Light and Warm

When planning new clothes for the
children, do remember that spring-
time is an in-between season for
which no extensive wardrobe is
necessary unless you really have lots
of pennies to spend.

What you need just now are clothes
that will be gay in colour, light in
texture but still definitely warm.

I do not advise any big change in
underwear until Whitsun because
"cold winds" are still likely for some
weeks to come and they are prob-
ably the most treacherous peril to
which children can be exposed.

In any case, I advise you to keep
a light pullover or cardigan at hand
as an extra to be worn should a
specially cold day occur; your climate
is so variable that it is a mistake to
keep just to the same weight of
clothes all the time.

The child needs three layers of
clothing in the ordinary way with
this extra little garment to give
special protection on extra cold days,
or to slip on after a game or if a
child has to spend some time in a
room where the temperature is lower
than the warmth it is accustomed to.

Now for some queries received
during the past week and my an-
swers.

Practical for Toddlers

What would be practical spring-
time wear for a healthy toddler of 10
months?

ROMPERS look nice and tidy,
especially if you make the kind
that button down the back and have
a let-down flap behind; those which
fasten between the legs tend to gape
and look rather untidy.

Their chief disadvantage is that, if
the child has an accident, the whole
garment has to be changed, whereas,
if pants and a romper are worn, Baby
will only need a fresh pair of pants.
Pants should be open-kneed and
plich-shaped with a wide elastic at
the waist; see that it is not too tight.
First suits in a fairly fine wool and
close knitting are always practical
and look very attractive.

Babies' clothes must always be
roomy and comfortable.

Shoes and Socks

My baby girl is ready for shoes,
but I am not sure what kind to choose
for her.

FIRST shoes (and indeed all shoes
for young children) should have
firm soles and soft uppers which
allow perfectly free movement to the
toes.

I advise a very low heel from the
outset and an extension of this heel
on the inner side to prevent any ten-
dency to flat feet. These cost rather
more than ordinary shoes, but are
well worth the slight extra cost.

See that socks are really roomy in
the feet, for children's socks need
much washing which leads to shrink-
age. Meanwhile, the foot is growing
steadily, and if socks are too short
the toes tend to be bent back or the

heel of the sock is worn under the
foot which causes blistering.

Free and Easy

We hope to go to the seaside at
Easter with a boy of nine and twin
girls of six. What clothes would you
advise?

LET them travel in their "good
clothes" if the journey is short,
then put these away carefully when
you arrive after having given coats,
suits and hats a good brush.

During the holiday keep them to
well-worn clothes, in which they can
have a really easy time without any
fear of doing damage. Those clothes
should still be chiefly of the winter
variety, though stout jerseys or "lum-
ber jackets" with zip fastenings can
take the place of overcoats, which
would restrict their movements.

You will have to use your own dis-
cretion as to whether they should be
allowed to run about barefoot.

Baby's Trousseau

I am expecting my first baby in
May, and would be glad to have your
advice regarding the toilette, not a
knitted one.

THE quantities mentioned for each
article only meet minimum re-
quirements (one in wear, one soiled
and one airing), but this is just
sufficient for practical needs.

First Pants

Can you recommend anything to
take the place of nursery squares
now that my baby is nine months
old and fairly reliable?

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first pants for both boys and
girls, made with a lustre top in a
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wearing quality, which keeps its
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A DRY SKIN is usually rough and
scaly in appearance and dull and
unattractive in colouring. It can be-
come a lovely skin, however, if it is
taken care of and "fed" and encour-
aged until it is normal again. Dry-
ness is really the easiest condition

there is to treat, since creams and
oils do soften and lubricate the skin,
treatments to stimulate the circula-
tion and minor adjustments in the
diet are usually sufficient to give
prompt results.

The method of cleansing a dry
skin differs from that of cleansing
an oily skin only in the kind of
soap used and the applications that
follow. Use warm water. Hot
water is too relaxing and will cause
the facial muscles to sag. It also
dries out the natural oil more rap-
idly. Cleanse with cold cream first,
then remove the excess oil with
tissues and wash with tepid water
and the mildest soap you can find.
Always wash with outward, upward
strokes. You are encouraging the
muscles of the cheeks to stay young
and firm by lifting them gently to-
ward the temples as you wash.

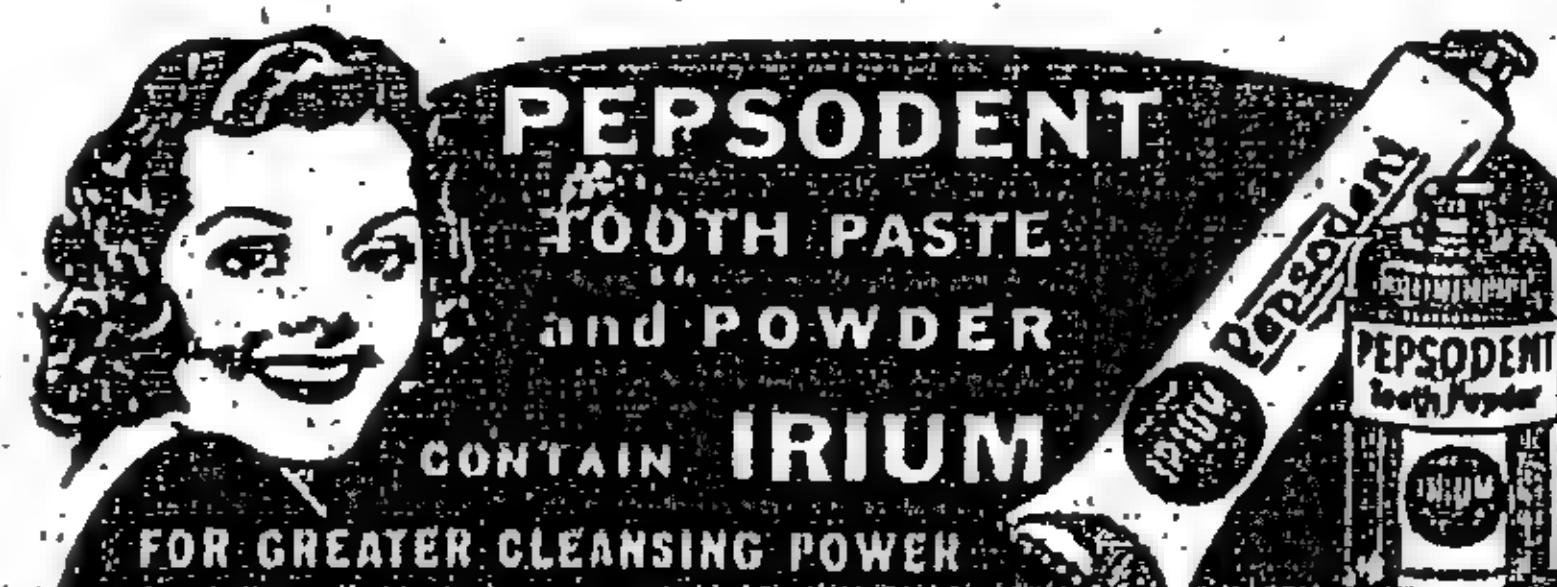
Always rinse the face with very
cold water and dry thoroughly.

The dry skin needs an application
of rich, nourishing cream after
cleansing. The length of time it
should stay on depends on the dry-
ness of the skin. Half an hour is

usually long enough. Remove the
oil that has not been absorbed before
retiring—or before you apply your
make-up—with a mild tonic, one
that will tone the skin and stimulate
the circulation without having the
drying effect of an astringent. There
are many good tonics on the market,
but you can make one for yourself
by blending one-half witch hazel,
one-fourth rose water and one-fourth
distilled water. Simple, isn't it?
And it is fun to do things for your-
self occasionally.

A twice a week application of hot
facial oil will do much to restore a
dry skin to its normal condition.
You can get these oils already blend-
ed at the better beauty salons, or you
can make one from tasteless castor
oil, to which a few drops of pine oil
have been added. You can apply it
hot, on strips of gauze and leave in
place while you take an afternoon
nap, or massage it into the skin be-
fore retiring. It is very soothing
and restful and good for the skin.

You should be especially careful
about the skin around the eyes and
eyelids of your skin is inclined to be
dry. Spread a generous amount of
nourishing cream into these areas,
dash with cold water, pat dry and
leave the cream on overnight. In
the morning remove any that re-
mains with a pad wrung out of skin
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Steamers	Tons	From Hongkong about	Destination
CANTON	15,500	20th Apr. (Noon)	Marseilles & London.
CARTHAGE	14,500	13th May	B'way, Marseilles & London.
*BANGALORE	6,000	20th May	B'way, Marseilles, Havre, L'don, Hull, H'bg, R'dam & A'werp.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	27th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
RANCHI	17,000	10th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*BHUTAN	6,000	17th June	B'way, Marseilles, Havre, L'don, Hull, H'bg, R'dam & A'werp.
RANPURA	17,000	24th June	B'way, Marseilles & London.
*BEHAR	6,000	1st July	B'way, Marseilles, Havre, L'don, Hull, H'bg, R'dam & A'werp.
RAWALPINDI	17,000	8th July	B'way, Marseilles & London.
CHITRAL	15,000	22nd July	B'way, Marseilles & London.

* Cargo only. † Calls Casablanca. All vessels may call at Malta.

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Steamers	Tons	From Hongkong about	Destination
SANTHIA	8,000	6th May	S'pore, Port Swettenham, Penang, Rangoon & Calcutta.
TALMA	10,000	20th May	DO.
SIRDHANA	10,000	3rd June	DO.
SHIRALA	8,000	17th June	DO.
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Steamers	Tons	From Hongkong about	Destination
NELLORE	7,000	5th May	Manila, Rangoon, Brisbane, TANDA
TANDA	7,000	3rd June	Sydney, Melbourne & Hobart
NANKIN	7,000	30th June	DO.

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TALMA	10,000	27th Apr. (7 a.m.)	Shanghai & Japan.
TANDA	7,000	5th May	Shanghai & Japan.
RANCHI	17,000	11th May	Shanghai & Japan.
SIRDHANA	10,000	11th May	Shanghai & Japan.
*BHUTAN	6,000	12th May	Shanghai & Japan.
RANPURA	17,000	25th May	Shanghai & Japan.
SHIRALA	8,000	25th May	Shanghai & Japan.

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SS	Ship	Sails	Day	Time
SS	"PRESIDENT CLEVELAND"	SAILS	MAY 5th	at 12.01 a.m.
SS	"PRESIDENT PIERCE"	"	MAY 19th	at 12.01 a.m.
SS	"PRESIDENT COOLIDGE"	"	JUNE 3rd	at 12.00 Noon
SS	"PRESIDENT TART"	"	JUNE 18th	at 12.01 a.m.
SS	"PRESIDENT CLEVELAND"	"	JUNE 30th	at 12.01 a.m.
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And fortnightly thereafter.

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SS	Ship	Sails	Day	Time
SS	"PRESIDENT VAN BUREN"	SAILS	APR. 28th	at 12.00 Noon
SS	"PRESIDENT HARRISON"	"	MAY 12th	at 12.00 Noon

And fortnightly thereafter.

MANILA

SS	Ship	Sails	Day	Time
SS	"PRESIDENT CLEVELAND"	SAILS	APR. 28th	at 1.00 a.m.
SS	"PRESIDENT PIERCE"	"	MAY 12th	at 1.00 a.m.
SS	"PRESIDENT HARRISON"	"	MAY 26th	at 12.00 Noon
SS	"PRESIDENT COOLIDGE"	"	MAY 26th	at 9.00 p.m.

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PHOTON NEWS



Duke and Duchess of Windsor pose in Paris with the Queen Victoria medallion which was part of a monument recently erected at Biarritz. It was first presented to them by Maximo Real del Sarie, right, noted sculptor, who designed it.



These two French-Canadian members of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police in the Province of Quebec will act as personal orderlies to King George and Queen Elizabeth during their Canadian visit in May. They are Constables Robert Portance, left, and Sylvio Langlois.



Charming Evelyn Hayes holds the first quadruplets born at the San Diego, Cal., zoo. They are Australian wild dogs, called dingoes. Gentle enough now, they soon will become exceedingly vicious.



Charming Jean McCrory of Baltimore, Md., scored a hit at the sun colony on the beach at Miami, Fla., when she appeared in this new style bathing suit, whose design suggests sun spots.



Jacqueline Lowe, entrant in the sweater-and-shorts beauty competition in New York, when 50 judettes to work on the Fairway have been chosen from New York City to the World's Fair were chosen.

BANK NOTICES

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA & CHINA Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1833.

Paid-up Capital £2,000,000 Reserve Fund £2,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON 25, Abchurch Lane, E.C. 4.

Sub-Agencies in London: 117/119, Leadenhall Street, E.C. 3.

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R. A. CAMIDGE, Manager.

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Head Office: 15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C. 3.

Authorized Capital £3,000,000 Subscribed Capital £1,500,000 Reserve Fund and Profit £1,247,630

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CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

Steamship "SONTAX" 5,400/39

Bringing Cargo from Dunkirk via Hainipong, etc., arrived Hongkong on Wednesday, 19th April, 1939.

Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before 20th April, 1939, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs.—Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 25th April, 1939.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

R. OHL, Agent.

Hongkong, 19th April, 1939.

Entertainments 50% H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 3 1/2% prem. H.K. Govt. 3 1/2% Loan par.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued at 4.00 p.m. yesterday, says:

The market was quiet with practically no change in prices. Sales were reported in Banks at \$1,375, Lands at \$33 1/2, Trams at \$16 1/2.

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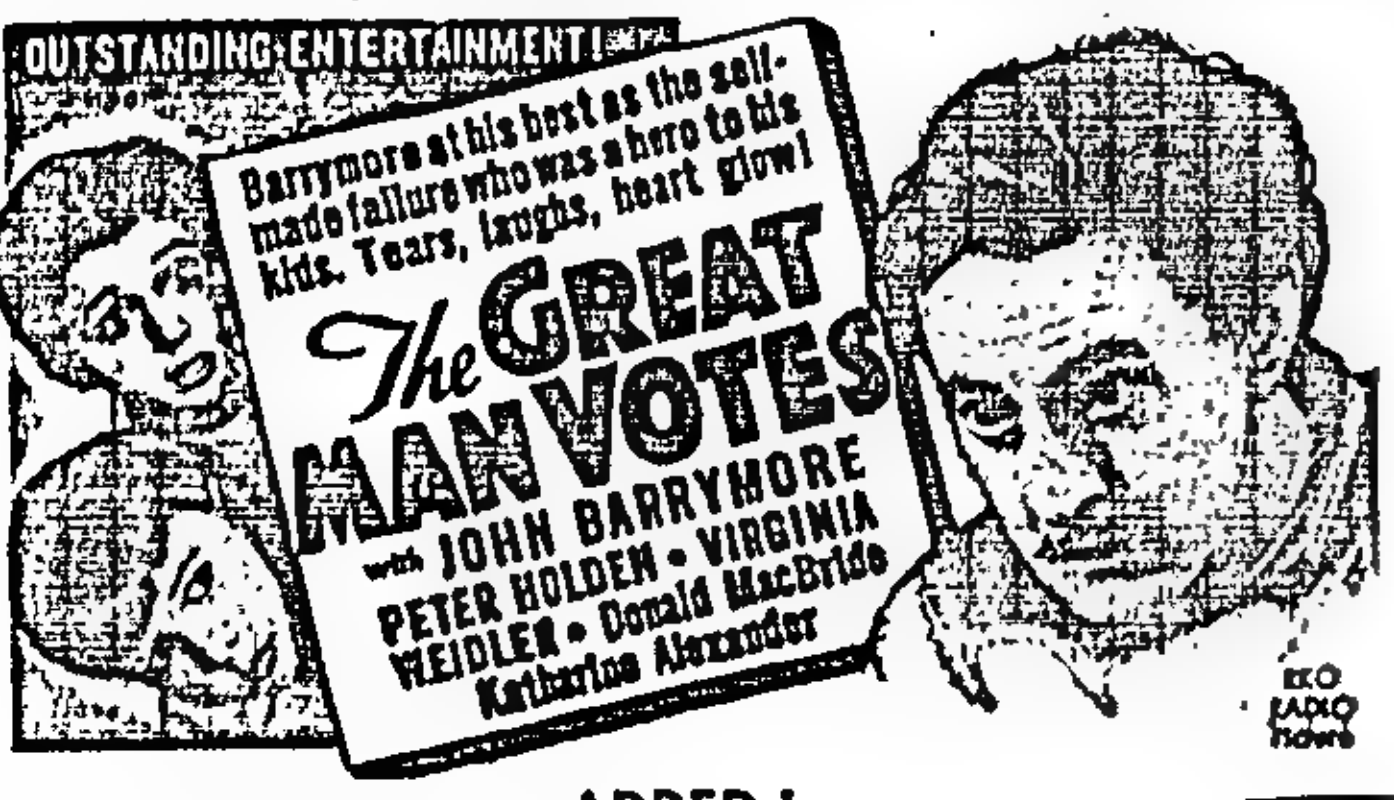
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BRITAIN'S BUDGET SETS PEACE-TIME RECORD

(Continued from Page 1.)

and a reduction in the theatre enter-
 tainment duties.
 He announced an excise duty on
 films and plates manufactured in
 Britain which would be equivalent
 to twopence on the popular roll films,
 giving an estimated revenue of
 £500,000 this year, and £1,000,000
 in a full year.

Sir John Simon declared that
 there would be no increase in the
 income tax standard rate, an an-
 nouncement received with cheers.

Cheers Cause
 The cheers caused when the
 Chancellor announced that the motor
 car tax would be increased by ten
 shillings to 25s. per horse power
 from January next, and there was
 silence when he announced changes
 in surtax and estate duties.

As regards surtax, a surcharge
 of a further five per cent. on incomes
 up to £2,000, and further ten per
 cent. on those over £2,000, would be
 payable.

Tobacco duty would be raised
 from 10s. to 12s. per pound.
 Sugar duty would be increased by
 one farthing a pound as from to-day.

Sir John Simon indicated that
 there would be death duty of ten per
 cent. on estates over £50,000.

The total estimated revenue on the
 new basis of taxation was £942,000-
 000.

Stupendous Figure
 Sir John Simon referred to the
 £630,000,000 required for defence
 as "this stupendous figure which
 measures the size and effort that
 has to be made, and which meas-
 ures the country's determination
 to make it" (general cheers).

The Chancellor said that it would
 be easy to add this to the loan figure,
 but he did not think this simple
 solution justified.

"If there is a limit to what can con-
 veniently and tolerably be raised by
 taxation, there is also a limit to what
 can be wisely raised by borrowing.
 Heavy as is the burden of taxation
 upon all, the country is roused to the
 necessity of further sacrifices."

"In the long run, it would not be
 in the country's interests to attempt
 light-heartedly to throw an additional
 sum wholly into the borrowing scale,
 and consequently I am proposing
 additional taxation of approximately
 £24,000,000."

"Legislation will be required on
 certain points arising out of our trade
 agreements with the United States
 and India, and I shall have to table
 resolutions implementing certain
 provisions of the American trade
 agreement, and in the case of the
 Indian trade agreement, to bring a
 new agreement within the framework
 of the Ottawa agreements."

Million Rebate
 Sir John Simon explained that the
 repeal of the medicine stamp duties
 and a relief to the theatres by re-
 ducing the tax by one penny per ad-
 mission, would cost about £1,000,000.

Dealing with income tax, Sir John
 said that the present rate was within
 sixpence of the highest figure during
 the war.

They had been doing all they could
 to encourage measures of confidence
 in business, and there were grounds
 for expecting a further business re-
 covery, if there was no setback.

Therefore, he had avoided any
 measure which would have a gener-
 ally depressing effect on industry, even
 if the effect on industry is largely a
 matter of psychology.

Car Tax Surprise
 Sir John Simon's announcement
 on car tax increases surprised the
 House, and there was a general
 conversation among Members, who
 were obviously working out the
 increase on their own car taxes.

The Chancellor, in explaining the
 sugar duty, said that the present
 duty on foreign raw sugar was
 equivalent to 5s. 4d. per hundred-
 weight. The new rates would in-
 volve the addition of 2s. 4d. per
 hundredweight. Customs preference
 duty would be preserved, and excise
 duty on home-grown sugar would be
 adjusted to maintain the existing
 margin of advantage.

Terrific Sum
 "Reuter" points out that the
 total budget figures amount to the
 terrific sum of £1,285,000,000.
 Revenue is estimated at £942-
 500,000 but to this must be added
 amounts to be met by borrowing,
 estimated at £342,500,000.

This sum is to be spent on defence,
 and does not take into consideration
 any additional amounts which may
 be authorised by the supplementary
 estimates.—Reuter.

LATE NEWS

(Continued from Page 1.)

Lighthouse tender will be used as a
 training ship for the Hongkong Naval
 Volunteer Force.

Refugee Costs
 Other items in the Supplementary
 Estimates are £250,000 for relief of
 refugees for a further six months,
 £140,000 for laying out new roads
 consequent upon the building boom
 in the Colony, £100,000 as part of
 a five-year plan of improvements on
 the Kowloon-Mukfa Ferry Road,
 £160,000 for prison works, including
 the construction of a new detention
 camp and substantial sums for wire-
 less services.

Provision for the construction of
 dog kennels at Kennedy Town, which
 were deleted from last year's Esti-
 mates, are re-introduced. They will
 cost £20,000.

OFFICIAL FRENCH PROTEST

Japanese Planes Over Indo-China

CHUNGKING, Apr. 25.
CHINESE OFFICIALS to-day
 told the United Press that
 French officials have lodged an
 official protest to Japan against
 Japanese planes flying over the
 Indo-China border on April 13
 during a Japanese raid on Meng-
 tze.

They declared that the French au-
 thorities have said they will take
 "suitable action" if the Japanese
 manoeuvre is repeated.

It is supposed here that such action
 would include anti-aircraft fire and
 French plane attacks.

Chinese officials said the Japanese
 manoeuvre is not only a violation of
 Indo-China territory but also must
 be viewed seriously from the
 Chinese viewpoint, as China has no
 observation posts in Indo-China in
 order to warn the western cities of
 the approach of Japanese raiders.

It was pointed out that the
 Japanese planes, by flying over
 Indo-China, can approach their ob-
 jectives unseen, thus preventing
 Chinese planes from taking to the
 air defensively and preventing
 civilians from seeking shelter because
 of lack of time.—United Press.

New Destroyer For Soviet Italian-Built Ship Fastest Afloat

ROME, Apr. 25.
 FOLLOWING a series of trials,
 which showed it to be the fastest
 warship afloat, the Italian-built
 Soviet destroyer Tashkent left
 Leghorn to-day on the first stage of
 its journey to Odessa.
 The vessel has an all-Italian crew
 aboard. They will take her to
 Istanbul, where she will be handed
 over to the Soviet naval authorities.
 The Tashkent is registered as a
 2,800-ton vessel, capable of a speed
 of 42 knots, and is equipped with
 six 13-centimetre guns and six 4.5
 anti-aircraft guns, as well as nine
 torpedo tubes.—Trans-Ocean.

TUNGKI, Apr. 26.—Anti-British
 posters have been posted in Ankang,
 capital of Anhwei, allegedly by the
 Japanese in occupation. Several
 hundred copies of British-made
 cigarettes have been set on fire.
 Other British goods have also been
 destroyed.—Central News.

NEW BELGIAN CABINET

BRUSSELS, Apr. 25.
THE FORMATION of the
 Belgian Senate following the
 Parliamentary elections was
 completed to-day by the supple-
 mentary election of 42 Senators
 by the Senate itself.

The Catholics now have 62 seats in
 the Senate instead of 57, the Socialists
 have 61 compared with 60, the
 Flemings have 25 against 19, and the
 Flemish Nationalists have 12, as
 compared with nine previously.

The Communists have retained
 three of their former seats, while the
 Radicals have been reduced to four
 Senators, losing eight seats.—
 Trans-Ocean.

Cabinet's Policy
 Brussels, Apr. 25.
 At to-day's meeting of the Cabinet,
 Premier Pierlot read a statement of
 policy which he proposes to make
 to the Senate and Chamber.

As a main task incumbent on the
 new Cabinet, the statement mentions,

the preservation of Belgium's inde-
 pendence on the basis of the union
 of all the Belgians, constitutional
 reform, and the improvement of the
 country's economic and financial
 situation.

Regarding foreign policy, Belgium
 will continue to adopt an attitude of
 strict neutrality.

The Cabinet will demand special
 plenary powers from the King to enable
 him to make urgent decisions on
 military, economic and budgetary
 matters.

Additional resources for combating
 unemployment and for other social
 purposes, as well as for national de-
 fence, will be created.

In conclusion, the statement says
 that political, economic and financial
 difficulties confronting Belgium do
 not justify anything resembling panic.
 The country requires energetic
 leadership, since for some time public
 institutions have been a prey to dis-
 order, business has to a large extent
 been paralysed, while Belgium's
 foreign relations have not been
 entirely satisfactory.—Trans-Ocean.

OPPOSITION DEMANDS MORE TAXES!

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of man-power, there is little evidence
 in the budget of a resolute policy to
 mobilise the country's economic and
 financial resources for a national
 effort.—Reuter.

Commons Agrees

London, Apr. 25.
 The House of Commons agreed
 this evening to the Budget tobacco
 and films resolutions.—Reuter.

Lobby Reaction

Government supporters generally
 approve of Sir John Simon's policy of
 avoiding an addition to the income
 tax, says "Reuter's" lobby corres-
 pondent.

The decision to impose further
 taxation to meet the additional cost
 of defence is regarded as a gesture
 of British determination which is ex-
 pected will be appreciated in other
 countries.

Approval is expressed of the pro-
 posal to tighten the provisions against
 tax evasion.

Opposition members express relief
 that the burdens are not heavier, but
 a number of Labourites feel that
 more could be raised by taxing the
 higher ranges of income tax payers,
 thus pressing less heavily on payers
 of indirect taxes—sugar and tobacco.
 Reuter.

French Reaction

Paris, Apr. 25.
 Britain has risen wonderfully to
 the occasion, is the feeling here fol-
 lowing the budget, which has created
 a deep impression.
 It is regarded as further proof that
 Britain is determined to stand armed
 and prepared to prevent aggression.
 —Reuter.

HITLER SNUBS BRITAIN

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deliver to the German Government,
 there is, at the moment, no knowing
 when he will be able to deliver it.
 German official quarters, however,
 emphatically discount the idea that
 Sir Neville Henderson is the bearer
 of any message. They base their
 attitude on Mr. Chamberlain's state-
 ment that the Ambassador was re-
 turning in the normal course of
 events after leave.

London's "Hurry"

The "Hamburger Fremdenblatt"
 comments: "Judging from its press,
 London is in a much greater hurry
 than Berlin to renew the threads of
 conversation with Berlin."
 Newspapers ridicule the idea that
 British co-scription would impress
 Berlin. The "Anglist" says: "We
 are completely indifferent about the
 manner in which Britain organises
 her defence."

"Britain Must Be Mad"

The "Allgemeine Zeitung" writes
 that Britain must be mad if she
 thinks to move Germany by warn-
 ings or threats.

Herr von Ribbentrop met M.
 Markovitch, the Yugo-Slav Foreign
 Minister at the airport to-day. His
 engagements last beyond the time
 for Hitler's speech on Friday.—Reu-
 ter.

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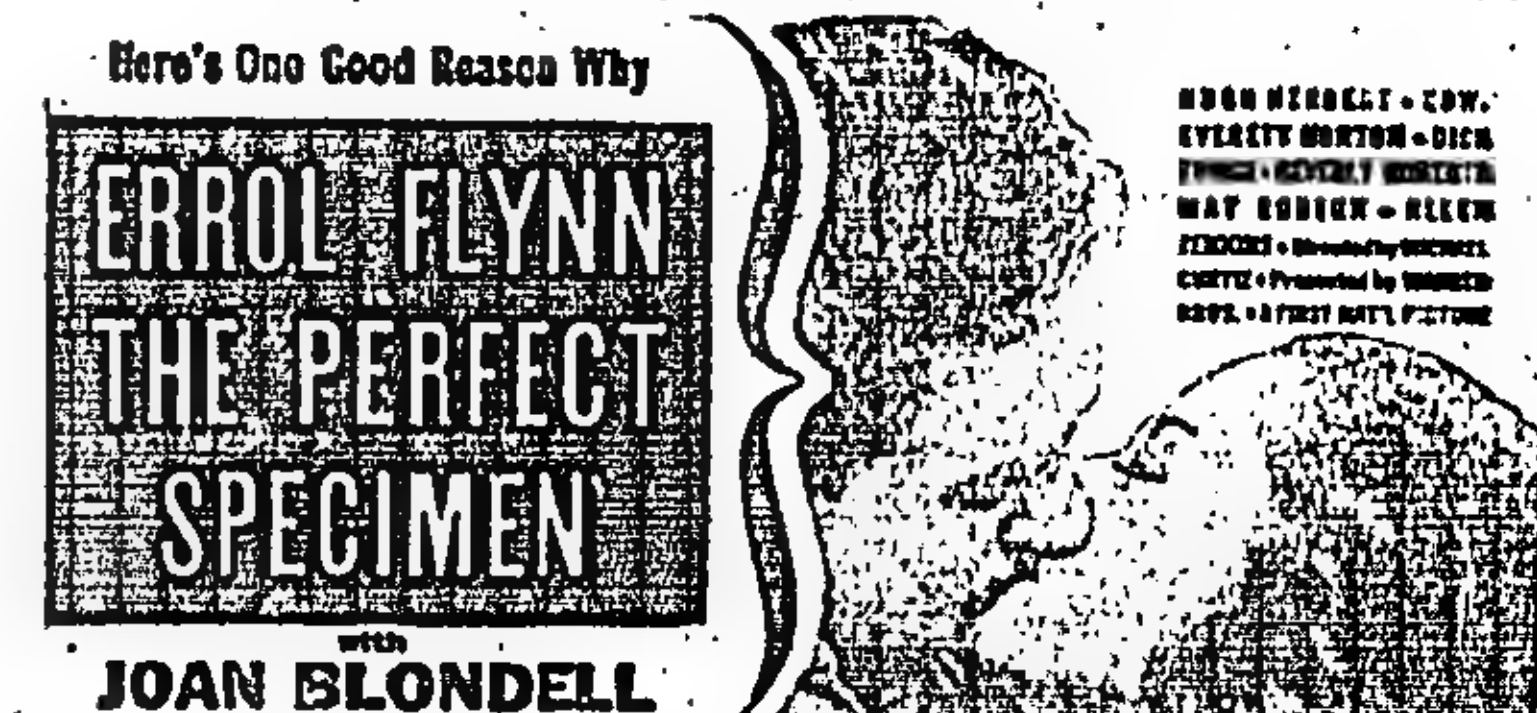
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BRITISH CABINET ADOPTS CONSCRIPTION

MILLION MEN TO JOIN THE COLOURS

RECORD BRITISH BUDGET

SIR JOHN SIMON yesterday introduced the United Kingdom's record peace-time Budget.

It calls for the expenditure of £1,285,000,000—over £30 for each man, woman and child in the British Isles.

Revenue is estimated at £942,000,000, leaving a deficit of £380,000,000 which will have to be met from Loans.

There will be no change in income Tax, which will remain at the basic rate of 27½ per cent. Surplus will be raised by 5 per cent. on incomes up to £8,000, and by ten per cent. for incomes above that figure.

Death Duties have been increased by ten per cent. on Estates over £50,000.

Motor-car tax has been increased by 10s. per horse-power, making the total now 25s. per horse-power.

The Duty on Tobacco has been increased by 2s. per lb., and on sugar by a farthing per lb.

Excise duties on camera and cinema films and plates has been increased, the addition equalling two-pence on a small roll of film.

The only reductions in taxation are the abolition of the Medicine Stamp duty and a reduction of Theatre Entertainment Duties by 1d. per admission.

Ordinary Defence costs absorb £630,000,000 of the total expenditure.

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Roosevelt Signs Naval Base Bill

Washington, Apr. 25. President Roosevelt has signed the \$60,000,000 naval air base bill which has been passed by Congress.—Reuter.

Friends of Mr. S. Boulton, of the Talkoo Dockyard, will regret to learn that he is lying dangerously ill in the War Memorial Hospital.

PREMIER SEES KING: TOUR ARRANGEMENTS

LONDON, Apr. 25.—The King received Mr. Chamberlain at Buckingham Palace this evening, the audience lasting an hour.

Mr. Chamberlain is expected to announce in the House of Commons on Thursday, in reply to a question, that alternative arrangements are being made in case the King and Queen are unable to travel to Canada in H.M.S. Repulse.

In the meantime, all the arrangements are going forward on the assumption that Their Majesties will travel by the Repulse.—Reuter Special

AS A RESULT of the Cabinet's decision to introduce conscription in Britain for the first time in the nation's peace-time history, a million men will join the Colours within a few months.

All able-bodied men between the ages of 18 and 21 years will be conscripted.

Only during 1914-18 will Britain's army have been greater.

The National Council of Labour met yesterday and reaffirmed uncompromising opposition to conscription.

CONSCRIPTION BILL

FOR THE first time in its peace-time history, the United Kingdom is to have compulsory service.

Following a special meeting of the Cabinet to-night, it was decided to immediately introduce a Bill in Parliament for Conscription.

A second Bill will be introduced to provide for provisional restriction of armaments profits.

NORWEGIAN STEAMERS SEIZED

Oslo Foreign Office Is Informed

The "Telegraph" has been informed that two Norwegian coastal steamers, the s.s. Prosper and the s.s. Promise, have been seized by the Japanese naval authorities.

The two ships were boarded near Foochow by Japanese armed parties in motor launches.

Their present whereabouts are unknown.

The ships were en route from Shanghai to Foochow.

The "Telegraph" understands that reports of the incidents have been made by the Norwegian authorities in Hongkong to the Foreign Office in Oslo and to the Norwegian Embassy in Tokyo.

More Reports Of Ship Seizures

Chinese newspapers this morning reported that the Norwegian steamer Helkon was seized by Japanese naval authorities this morning.

There is apparently no foundation for the report.

Reports carried in Chinese newspapers yesterday that the China Navigation Company's steamer Kweiyang is "missing" are equally unfounded. The Kweiyang reported to Hongkong by radio yesterday.

Held At Pescadores

Seized, with their cargoes of foodstuffs, by the Japanese, the two Norwegian steamers Prosper and Promise are at present being held at the Pescadores. No reason has been given for their seizure.

Messrs. Karsten Larsen & Company, Hongkong chartering agents for the vessels, have been advised that the ships were unloading their cargoes to lighters in a small port north of Foochow when the Japanese entered the port and seized the ships. The ships were seized on different days—the Prosper on April 19 and the Promise only a day or so ago.

The Prosper is a 2232-ton ship and the Promise a 1201-ton ship.

Rod Indians' Greetings

LONDON, Apr. 25. WHEN THE King and the Queen arrive in Vancouver on May 29, on board the passenger steamer, Princess Marguerite, 20 canoes full of redskin Indians in full war paint and outfit will paddle up to the steamer to pay homage and to accord their Majesties a cordial welcome.—Trans-Ocean.

Europe's Defence Measures Denmark Calls Up More Men

COPENHAGEN, Apr. 25.

THE DANISH Ministry of State to-day issued a communique saying that 6,000 men will be called to the colours immediately, instead of waiting for the ordinary autumn manoeuvres.

Similar measures are being applied to the Navy, making the total of men called up for the Army and Navy between 8,000 and 9,000.—United Press.

Gibraltar's Defence

LONDON, Apr. 25.—The condition of Gibraltar's defences, particularly air-raid protection, was described as satisfactory, by Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, Secretary for War in the House of Commons to-day.

He added that modern anti-aircraft guns had been sent to Gibraltar since September, and all necessary precautionary measures had now been taken.—Trans-Ocean.

"United Press" quotes the War Minister as saying that "every practicable precaution has been taken for Gibraltar to resist attack."—United Press.

Belgian Decrees

Brussels, Apr. 25. The Belgian Premier to-day made a ministerial declaration requesting special powers until December 1 for the security of the country, economic and budgetary improvements, and other urgent matters.

He announced that the Government has three aims—the safeguarding of the country, constitutional reform and improvements in the economic and financial situation.—United Press.

German Hold On Yugo-Slavia

LONDON, Apr. 25. British sources state that Germany is attempting to tighten her hold on Yugo-Slavia with a five year £10,000,000 credit which will permit Yugo-Slavia to buy German armaments and exchange cereals for cattle.—United Press.

State Visit To Rome

Rome, Apr. 25. A State visit by Prince Paul of Yugo-Slavia to Rome was announced on the occasion of the meeting between the Italian and Yugo-Slav Foreign Ministers in Venice.

The visit will take place in the middle of May.

The Regent will leave Belgrade on May 9, and will stay in Rome for several days as the guest of the King-Emperor.—Trans-Ocean.

Talks In Berlin

Berlin, Apr. 25. Conversations between M. Marcovitch and Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop were opened at the German Foreign Office shortly after 9.30 p.m. to-day.

This first meeting lasted for about an hour and it is understood to have assumed a positive character, and to have been conducted in a cordial spirit.

It is learnt on good authority that this initial interview revolved around the main question of rapprochement between Yugo-Slavia and Hungary.—PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH'S MESSAGE TO COLONY

Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth has received with great pleasure message contained in your telegram 133 and desires to thank all communities in Hong Kong for their good wishes.

Reproduction of cablegram received this morning by His Excellency the Governor.

ALLIANCE AGAINST AGGRESSION

U.S. MAY JOIN MILITARY PACT

Startling Statement By Minister Of Cabinet

NEW YORK, Apr. 26.

IN A CASE of special emergency, the United States might adhere temporarily to an international military alliance in order to secure peace.

This important revelation of the startling change in America's policy of isolationism was made by the Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Henry Wallace, at a meeting of the World Fair Commissioners to-day.

Hull's Warning

The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, gave a plain warning to European dictators to-day.

"Any dreams of world conquest made by dictators are foredoomed," he said.

"It is not too late for the dictators to have the course that threatens civilization with war.

"The United States is prepared to make an appropriate contribution to negotiations for peace.

"I hope all nations will enter into these negotiations at the latest juncture of history.

"I hope that peace will be attained in Europe before, rather than after, the arbitrament of outstanding problems.

"If the United States hopes for peace are not realised, we are equally prepared to defend our national interests and our cherished institutions."—United Press.

Representatives of fifty nations were present.

Peace, said Mr. Wallace, was the foremost desire of the United States.

American policy to-day would be the policy George Washington outlined on the eve of great European upheavals of the eighteenth century.

Washington Quoted

"Washington then said: 'We may choose peace or war, as our interests guide us. Justice shall be our counsel, and to secure justice we may have to trust to temporary alliances for extraordinary emergencies.'

"That policy is as true to-day as it was 150 years ago," the Secretary for Agriculture told his audience.

"The desire of the American people to ask for respect for their rights, and in return to respect the rights of others—and, above all, to secure and maintain peace, is as strong to-day as it was then."

U.S. Neutrality

Washington, Apr. 25. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has decided to end the public hearings on the Neutrality Law amendments on May 6, when they will begin to draft the new measures.

The Chairman of the Committee, Senator Key Pittman, said he understood that an effort would be made to extend the cash and carry provision for two months pending completion of the deliberations.

Testifying before the Committee to-day, Dr. Walter Judd, a resident missionary in China, said Japanese aggression should be penalised through legislation.

U.S. Aid To Japan

He said the United States has furnished half Japan's war supplies, and urged for action against Japan for the protection of the United States' future trade, security and the observance of treaties.

He said a Japanese victory would remove what is potentially America's greatest market in the world.

If the United States does not act, the sinking of the Panay is a foretaste of what they may expect, he declared.—United Press.

HITLER SNUBS BRITAIN

Refusal To See Ambassador

BERLIN, Apr. 25.

NAZI SOURCES to-day indicated that Hitler will ignore the British attempts to persuade him to soften his speech on Friday.

The Fuehrer is snubbing the British Ambassador.

Informed circles also expressed doubt whether the German Foreign Minister would be able to receive Sir Neville before Friday.

They said Herr Ribbentrop is "very busy" conferring with the Jugo-Slavian Foreign Minister, with whom he expects to secure close economic and political collaboration.

Political circles here expressed the belief that Hitler will coolly receive the British Ambassador's message, and that there is little chance of the Fuehrer softening his speech.

Unmistakable Snub

British sources in Berlin regard Herr Ribbentrop's and Herr Hitler's failure to receive the British Ambassador as "an unmistakable snub."

Sir Neville Henderson has not received a reply to his request for an interview with Herr Ribbentrop and has not even received a suggestion for a future appointment.—United Press.

Last Minute Change?

Berlin, Apr. 25. Late this evening, it was stated on reliable authority that Herr von Ribbentrop will receive Sir Neville Henderson to-morrow, or on Thursday.—Reuter.

Interview Postponed

Berlin, Apr. 25. The interview which Sir Neville Henderson was expected to have to-day.—PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

LATEST

See Back Page For
Further Late News

Inevitability Of War Discounted By Rumanian Minister

LONDON, Apr. 26.

DISCOUNTING the inevitability of war, M. Gafencu, interviewed by Mr. Vernon Bartlett, M.P., diplomatic correspondent of the "News-Chronicle," declared:

"I, for one, refuse to believe we cannot find a common language in which to discuss the possibilities of peace."

Mr. Bartlett himself writes that he believes that M. Gafencu is the first Foreign Minister to visit Berlin within recent months without being persuaded to sign some document which limited the country's independence.

"One hopes that his colleague, the Balkan Pact and the Little Entente, M. Markovic, who is visiting Berlin, will remember this notable precedent," concludes Mr. Bartlett.—Reuter.

WAR IN CHINA

BIG BATTLES RAGE

ALTHOUGH EVENTS in Europe have crowded the war in China off the front pages of the world's newspapers, events in the Far East are of such a momentous nature that they may influence the outcome of the hostilities and also have important repercussions in all parts of the world.

The great Chinese offensive is still continuing with unabated intensity.

Bitter fighting is in progress in all provinces, with both sides rushing up tens of thousands of reinforcements.

Chinese units are still pressing on Nanchang, Hankow, Nanking, Canton and Kaileng, five provincial capitals, the capture of any one of which will have far-flung repercussions because of the effect on Chinese morale.

Because of this fact, Japan is concentrating all her efforts on maintaining possession of these five cities.

Suchow Threat

In Honan, the Chinese forces are now threatening Suchow, the railway terminus between Kaileng and the sea.

Here is the position, province by province:

KIANGSI

Hsianlung and Lientang, nine miles south of Nanchang, have been captured by the Chinese forces, who are now drawn up semi-circularly around the capital.

A large force of guerrillas is now within 14 miles of Hankow, Kiangsu, on the east bank of the Yangtze River, has been captured.

Tachang, south-west of Nanchang, has also been lost by the Japanese, who sustained heavy casualties in endeavouring to defend the city.

Heavy fighting is still in progress around Kaom, but the Chinese are still firmly entrenched, and Japanese efforts to regain the city are causing them no anxiety.

HUPEH

Chinese artillery units are heavily shelling Tsungyang, the Japanese base 28 miles west of Tungshan. Tungshan was captured by the Chinese five days ago and they have succeeded in driving 21 miles nearer Tsungyang since then.

SIANSI

Bitter fighting is raging at Sinkiang, Chihshan and Hsien, three cities west of the Tatsung-Puchow Railway. Japanese communications between Chihshan, Ishih, Yungcheng and the vicinity have been severed.

The Japanese have opened a large-scale counter-attack on the Chinese at Fowzhan, which the Japanese lost last week.

HONAN

A Chinese unit has broken into Hsianlung, where bitter fighting is in progress.—PLEASE Turn To Page 4.

Spain

Five-Hour Parade In Madrid

Madrid, Apr. 25.—About 140,000 men will take part in the victory parade in Madrid. All corps of the Nationalist Spanish army will be represented by delegations in the strength of from one company to one regiment.

On account of the great heat prevailing in May in the Spanish capital, the parade will not last more than five or six hours. The troops taking part in the parade will therefore march in closely formed ranks.

—Trans-Ocean.

CIANO FOR MADRID

Rome, Apr. 25.—It is reported that Count Ciano will visit Madrid about the middle of next month which will be about the time of the victory parade in Madrid by Franco's forces.

—Reuter Bulletin.

DUKE OF ALBA

London, Apr. 25.—The Duke of Alba, who returned from Spain on Monday, visited the Foreign Office to-day.

Spanish sources say that the visit of the Ambassador to Burgos was for information only.

—United Press.

FRONTIER DEFENCES

Paris, Apr. 25.—The Spanish Government has invited all foreign journalists in Spain to inspect the Spanish-Portuguese frontier and the frontier district near Gibraltar, it is reported by the French Radio Agency to-day. The Spanish Government wishes to give the opportunity to the press representatives of the great democracies to see for themselves that the report spread about Spanish war preparation are unfounded.

—Trans-Ocean.

Naval Seaman Dies In Hospital

William George Haines, seaman, of Motor Torpedo Boat No. 07, died in the Naval Hospital at 9.30 a.m. to-day. An attack of bronchial pneumonia which followed the extraction of teeth caused his death. Haines was a native of Rosehill, England.

The funeral will take place at 4 p.m. to-day.



RECENT PHOTOGRAPH of Dr. H. H. Kung, China's Minister for Finance, with whom the British Ambassador, Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, conferred during the week-end.

Yugo-Slavia

CABINET EXPECTED TO RESIGN

Belgrade, Apr. 25.—Informed quarters here expect that the Yugo-Slav Cabinet will resign in the course of to-day in connection with the successful outcome of the Premier's negotiations with the Croat leader, Mactchek.

It is considered certain that an agreement with Mactchek has already been reached and that its terms will be published within the next few days.

It is believed that following formal resignation of the Cabinet, the Premier will be again entrusted with the task of forming a Ministry in which he will retain the post of Minister of the Interior. It is anticipated that the Ministers of War, Foreign Affairs and Education will also remain at their posts.

The Croats, who form about 28 per cent of the total population of Yugo-Slavia, will probably be represented in the new Cabinet by four men, the Ministers of Public Works, Mines and Forests, Justice, and Commerce and Industry. It does not yet appear certain whether Mactchek will himself accept a seat in the Cabinet.

—Trans-Ocean.

CHUNGKING, Apr. 26.—Four Chinese youths were arrested and put to death by Japanese policemen in Hongkew, on Sunday.

NEW BELGIAN CABINET COMPLETED

BRUSSELS, Apr. 25.—THE FORMATION of the Belgian Senate following the Parliamentary elections was completed to-day by the supplementary election of 42 Senators by the Senate itself.

The Catholics now have 62 seats in the Senate instead of 57, the Socialists have 61 compared with 60, the Flemings have 25 against 19, and the Flemish Nationalists have 12, as compared with nine previously.

The Communists have retained three of their former seats, while the Rexists have been reduced to four.

Senators, losing eight seats.—Trans-Ocean.

Cabinet's Policy

Brussels, Apr. 25.—At to-day's meeting of the Cabinet, Premier Pierlot read a statement of policy which he proposes to make to the Senate and Chamber.

As a main task incumbent on the new Cabinet, the statement mentions, the preservation of Belgium's independence on the basis of the union of all the Belgians, constitutional reform, and the improvement of the country's economic and financial situation.

Regarding foreign policy, Belgium will continue to adopt an attitude of strict neutrality.

The Cabinet will demand special plenary powers for the King to enable him to make urgent decisions on military, economic and budgetary matters.

Additional resources for combating unemployment and for other social purposes, as well as for national defence, will be created.

In conclusion, the statement says that political, economic and financial difficulties confronting Belgium do not justify anything resembling panic. The country requires energetic leadership, since for some time public institutions have been a prey to disorder, business has to a large extent been paralysed, while Belgium's foreign relations have not been entirely satisfactory.

—Trans-Ocean.

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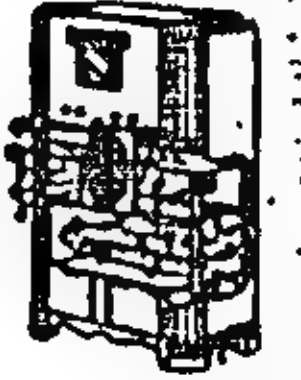
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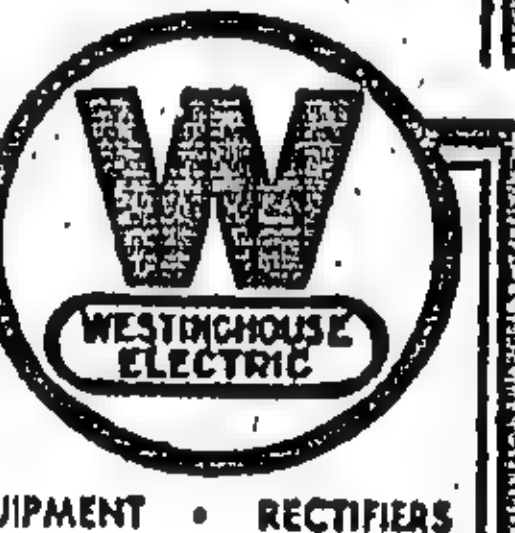
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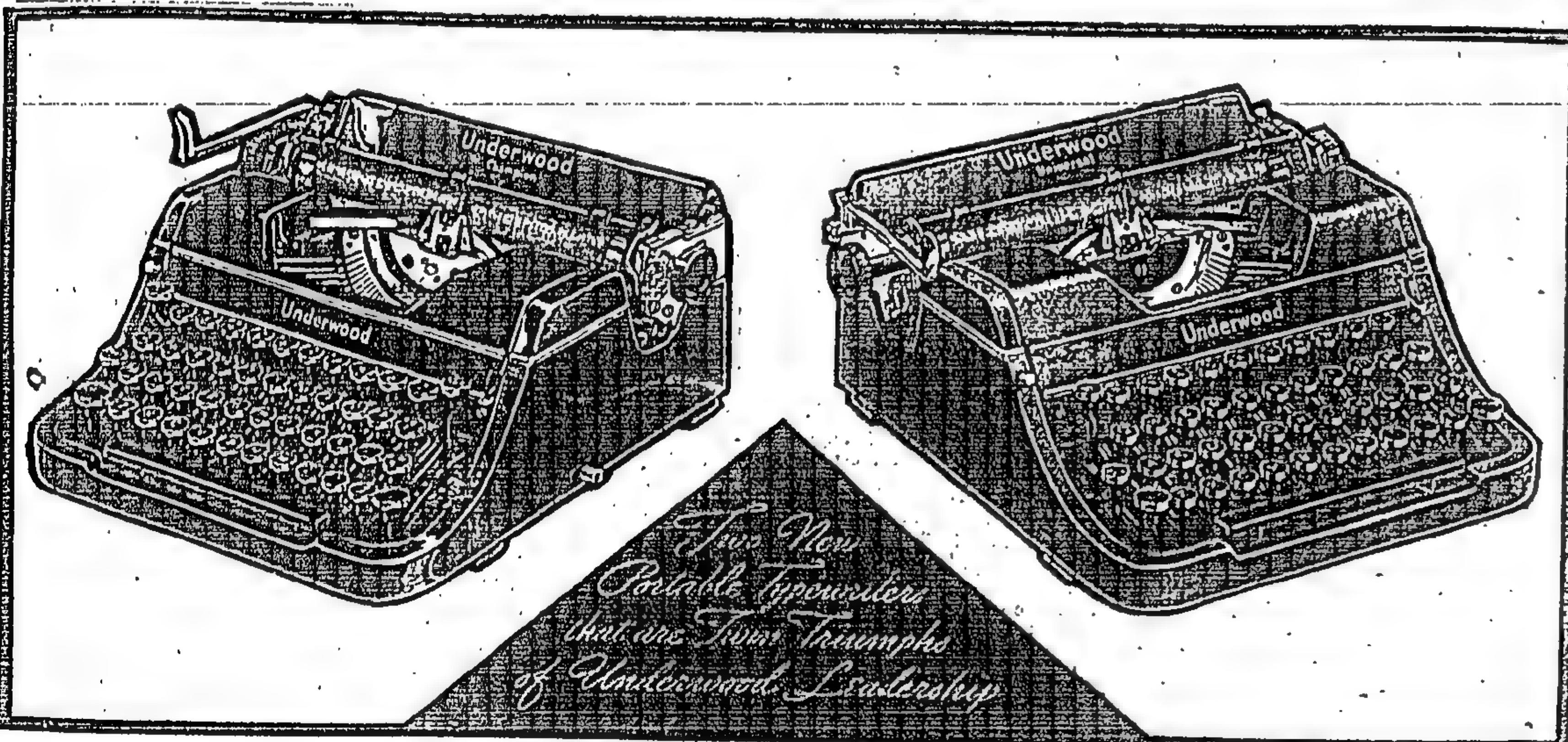
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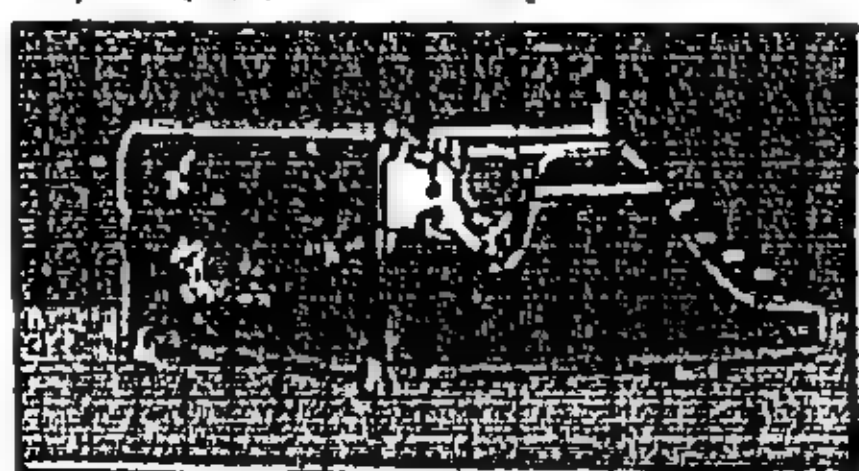
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SUICIDE ON GNEISENAU

Englishman Who Drank 'Very Heavily'

An inquiry into the death of Archibald Wallwork, 37, a Lancashire man, found dead with an automatic pistol in his hand in a locked cabin aboard the North German Lloyd liner, Gneisenau, at the Singapore Harbour Board wharves was held last week by the Coroner, Mr. W. G. Forster.

A post-mortem examination had shown symptoms that Wallwork had been addicted to alcohol.

Wallwork was found dead in his bunk. There was a pistol in his right hand.

FELLOW PASSENGER'S STORY
Mr. Jesse Haigh gave evidence that he and Wallwork were travelling together and occupied the same cabin. They were in the same business and were bound for Manila.

"I met Wallwork in London four or five months ago," Haigh added. "During the voyage out from Southampton Wallwork drank very heavily and ate very little."

The Coroner: Was there any reason for his drinking?
Witness: He never gave any reason. I often pleaded with him to eat. Did you know he had a pistol?—No. I never saw it at all, nor any ammunition.

LETTER FROM WIFE
Inspector de Souza produced a letter from Mrs. Wallwork to her husband.

"There are one or two lines in the letter which might have caused Wallwork to worry," said Inspector de Souza.

The letter was handed to the Coroner but was not read to the court.

Wallwork had been keen on leaving England. The work in Manila was on a three-year contract.

After evidence by the ship's chief steward and Inspector A. D. Reddick, of the Marine Police, a verdict of suicide by shooting was returned.

Brigade Major Leaving H.K.

Major P. S. Whitehead, Brigade Major, R.A., will leave Hongkong in October, being relieved by Capt. P. F. Shakerley.

Major Whitehead during his stay in the Colony has risen from Captain to Major, and is rated one of the finest polo players here.

His relief is coming from the Imperial Defence College, London.

Berlin-Turkey Air Route

An agreement relating to the inauguration of a commercial air route between Berlin and Istanbul was signed here to-day by the Turkish Minister of Communications, Ali Hilmi Cetinkaya, and Herr von Winterfeld, representing the German Luft Hansa.

The new air route will be opened on June 1.—Trans-Ocean.

JAPANESE PROTEST TO SOVIETS

ESCAPE FROM THE NAZIS

More Jews Pass Through Hongkong

TOKYO, April 25.
JAPAN made a new representation to the Soviet Government against the allegedly illegal interference with Japanese coal and oil concessions in North Saghalien when Mr. Renzo Sawada, the Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, received M. Constantin Smetanin, Soviet Charge d'Affaires, at the Foreign Office on Monday afternoon. It was revealed here to-day.

Foreign Vice-Minister Sawada, it was understood, pointed out that working of Japanese concessions in North Saghalien was considerably impeded by the pressure brought to bear upon them by Soviet officials.

The Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs further pointed out that the illegal oppression by Soviet officials of Japanese concessions in North Saghalien was in contravention of the Soviet-Japanese Basis Agreement and requested the Soviet Government to reconsider the situation.—Domei.

REAL FACTS ABOUT THE M.C.L.

"A CONSIDERABLE amount of misunderstanding exists among the people of this Colony with regard to the work of the M.C.L.," said Mrs. D. L. Newbigging, President of the League, at the annual general meeting held at the Helena May Institute this morning.

"Many are under the impression," she went on, "that we send our money to England, or give it to those local charities which already have their own support. I should like to correct this impression. In actual fact, we try as far as is possible to allocate funds to the lesser known charities in Hongkong, and I think if you glance at your report you will find that with the exception of the Benevolent Society and the Society for the Protection of Children, we have carried out our object."

She pointed out that the M.C.L. considered that these two charities do most valuable work amongst the poor and destitute and should be supported, provided funds permit. I should add that it has been arranged that our donation of \$1,000 to the Benevolent Society is to be used towards the education or maintenance of the many children in their care."

"MOST SATISFACTORY"
Mrs. Newbigging remarked that the year had been most satisfactory, with \$9,324.70 available for allocation to charities. This amount, with the exception of £60, 0, 0, which is sent Home annually for the upkeep of the League's cots in the Health Home at Otterdown, Surrey, is devoted entirely to the benefit of local charities.

"This year," she said, "we were asked to the Refugee Camp schools, which are doing such valuable work amongst the refugee children, and your committee decided to give \$500 to the understanding that this should not be a permanent commitment."

"A swimming gala was arranged last summer but was cancelled on medical advice. We have therefore, been entirely dependent upon subscriptions, the work of the various branches, and donations."

"I would like to extend our most grateful thanks to those who have so generously responded to our appeal for donations."

"Your President, Mrs. King, left on Home leave in March this year, and I am sure you will all wish her a good holiday. We hope to have her with us on her return. Our committee, I know, have done splendid work and thanks are due especially to Mrs. Woodward, our Hon. Secretary, and Mrs. Nicol, our Hon. Treasurer."

JAPAN'S SHORTAGE OF SILK

TOKYO, Apr. 26.
THE "canned" raw silk owned by the Government since 1929 will totally be exhausted shortly as the result of an extreme shortage of silk this year. The Nichi Nichi Shinbun says.

During the past 10 years, the Agriculture and Forestry Ministry has been exporting "canned" silk to British India, Australia and other countries on the consignment of the Mitsui and Mitsubishi concerns.

The original stocks of "canned" silk totalled 110,330 bales valued at Yen 137,049,000, but by the end of February, this year, the stocks decreased to 26,500 bales, the paper points out.

There was a time when it was generally believed that silk stocks would not be exhausted for many years, but since the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry started its sales last the greater part of its stores have been sold out.—Domei.

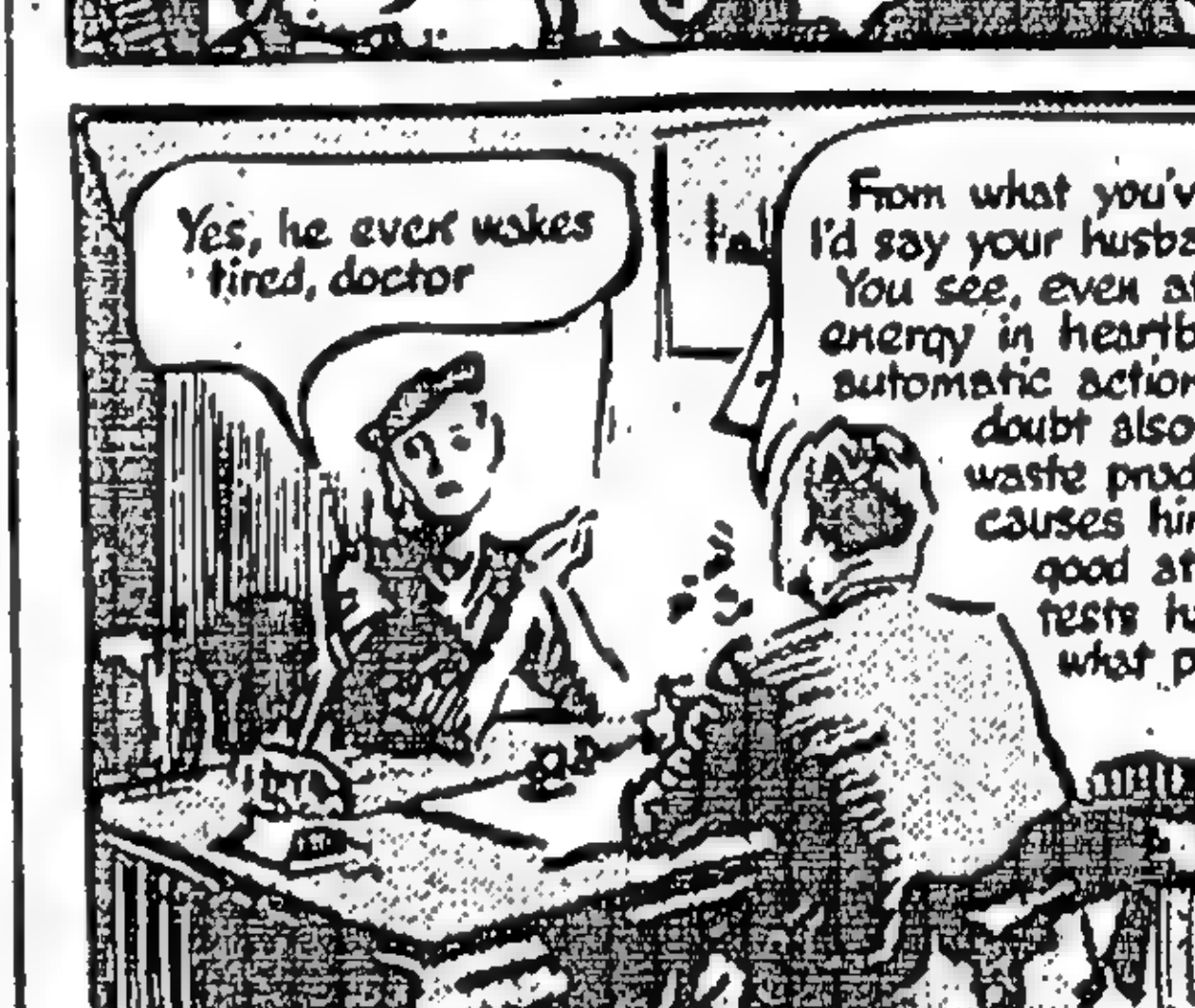
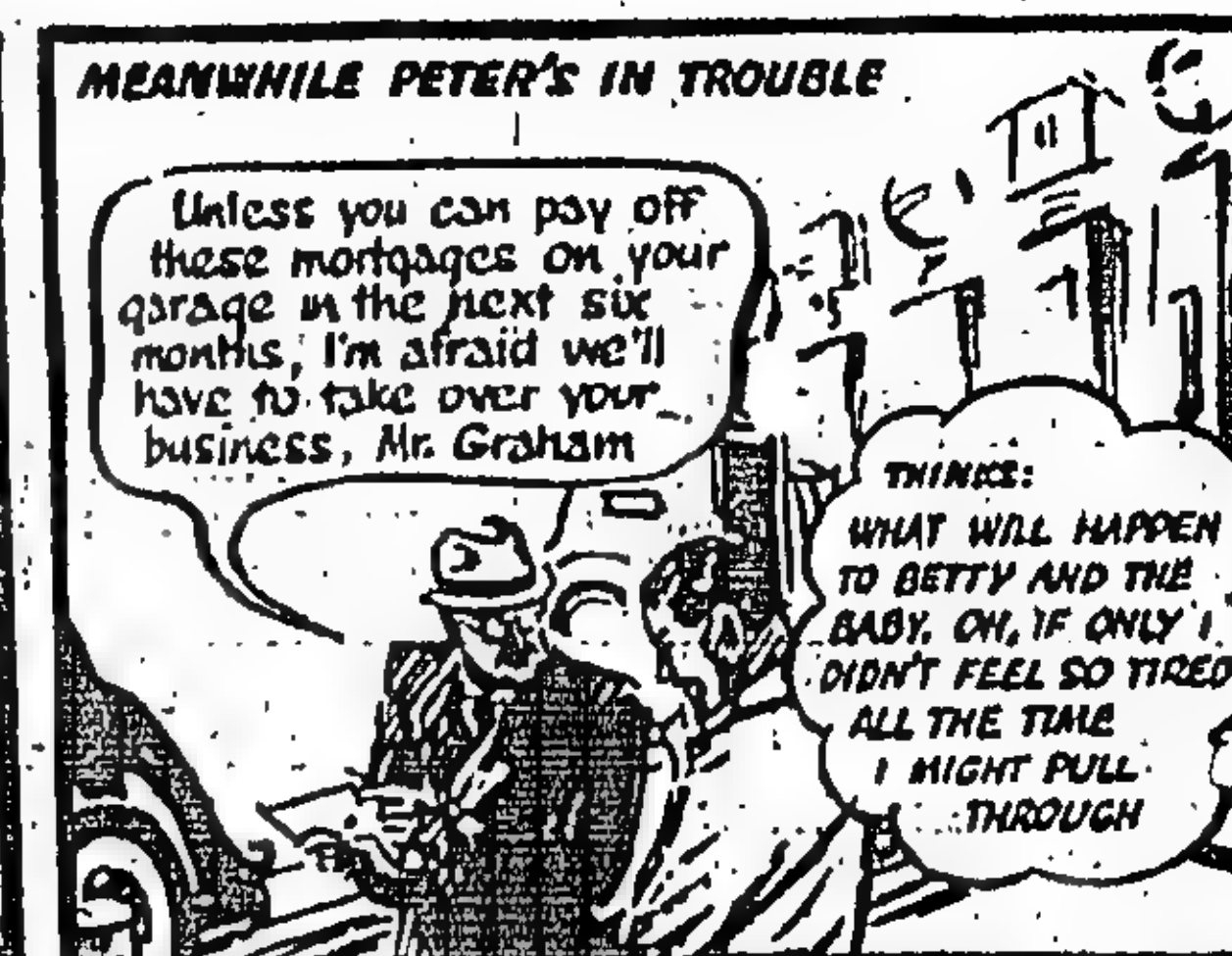
Maharajah On Way To See World Fair

"With all the other Indian Princes I offered all my troops and resources to Britain during the September crisis. We shall do so again if war comes," the Maharajah of Kapurthala State (Punjab), India, Colonel Sir Jagatjit Singh, told a reporter when he passed through in the Lloyd Tristino liner Conte Blancamano this week.

He is one of the principal Sikh princes.

On his way to the Golden Gate Exposition and the New York World Fair, the 67-year-old Maharajah was accompanied by his second son, Prince Amarjit Singh, officer commanding the State Forces. He has acted as the Indian delegate to the League of Nations.

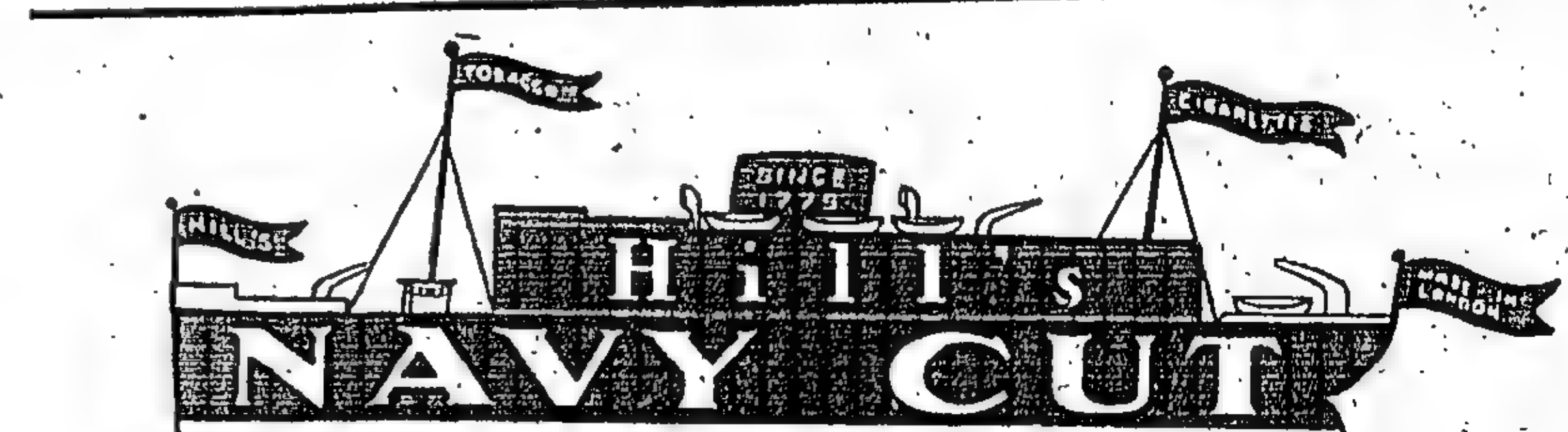
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ROME, Apr. 25.
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The vessel has an all-Italian crew aboard. They will take her to Istanbul, where she will be handed over to the Soviet naval authorities.

The Tashkent is registered as a 2,800-ton vessel, capable of a speed of 42 knots, and is equipped with six 13-centimetre guns and six 4.5 anti-aircraft guns, as well as nine torpedo tubes.—Trans-Ocean.

Popular H.K. Girl Married

The many friends in Hongkong will be interested to learn of the recent marriage in Troon of Miss Johanna (Joey) M. Holland.

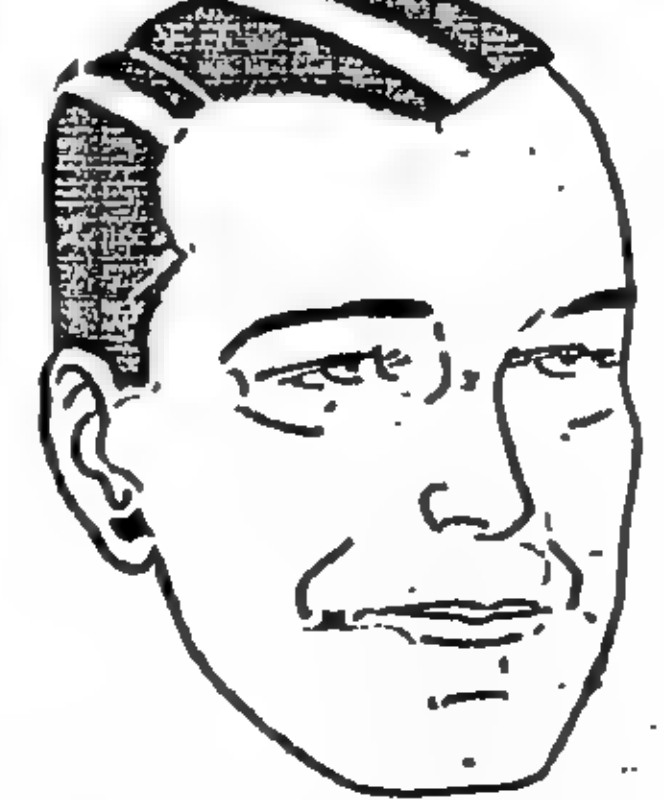
The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Holland. The bridegroom is Lt. Leslie George Wilson, R.N.

The ceremony took place at Troon Old Church on April 22 and a reception was held later at Ardell House.

CLIPPER DELAYED

Delayed by mid-Pacific storms between Midway Island and Guam, the China Clipper will not now arrive in Hongkong until April 30. The date of departure has been tentatively set back to May 1.

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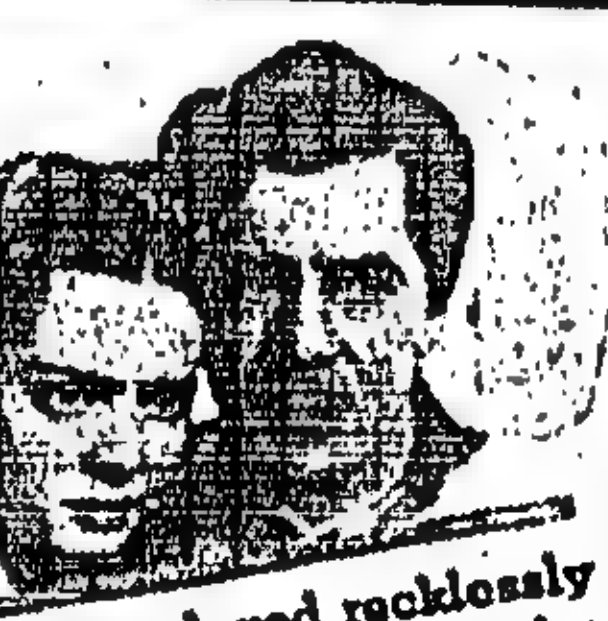
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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 18th May to the 8th June, 1939 inclusive.

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Conscription For England

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therefore believed that the compulsory service will be extended from 21 to 25 years of age, and this would bring the number of potential recruits to 2,000,000.

The Government, it is said, plans to train about 750,000 men for the time being. Training will probably be merely on the lines of the pre-war infantry. After their training period with the regular army, the men will join the territorial army.

It is claimed that the reason for the conscription measure is because of the failure of the voluntary national register. A War Office official states that the number of volunteers who responded to the Government's appeal was still about 230,000 below the number required to bring the strength of the territorial army to the figures announced by the Government.—Trans-Ocean.

"Reuter" understands that the Cabinet agreed on principle last night, and a two-hour meeting of the Cabinet to-day will be devoted to the consideration of proposals to be put before Parliament.

An announcement will be made in the House of Commons at the earliest possible moment, and it is expected that a bill will be introduced as soon as possible, providing the necessary powers for the particular form of compulsory service which will eventually be decided upon.

The Cabinet will hold the ordinary weekly meeting to-morrow.—Reuter.

Surprise Cabinet Meeting

A surprise meeting of the British Cabinet was held at 6.10 p.m. to-day.

It is rumoured that the Cabinet dealt with the questions of imminent conscription and also the British negotiations with Moscow.—United Press.

Young Men First

London, Apr. 25.—It is understood that the age group contemplated as the first step in the Government's conscription plans is from 18 to 20.—Reuter.

Announcement Soon

London, Apr. 25.—That under certain conditions England must introduce compulsory military training, was agreed upon by the British Cabinet during its Monday evening meeting, according to the "Daily Telegraph."

An announcement of this effect will be made in the near future, it is stated, unless a definite change in the international situation becomes apparent.

It is assumed that the first step would be to call up about half of those between 18 and 20 years of age taking into consideration those who would be regarded as indispensable to the various occupations.

The "News Chronicle" publishes a similar report stating that compulsory service would be introduced which would soon evolve into a regular military service.—Trans-Ocean.

Equal Obligations

Paris, Apr. 25.—Public demand in France that England should make the same preparations for any possible military action as France, is being more and more emphatically raised.

The "Petit Parisien" declares that the only possible basis of collaboration between England and France could be that of absolute equality of obligations.

"It is not permissible that French workmen and peasants should be able to say: 'We have to face guns, but the English only need to supply material and money'."

"Le Matin" writes that in a possible war of the future it is not alone a matter of how many divisions it will be possible to raise, but also the possibility of being able to utilise them on the spot of the moment whenever required. The period of wait and see is now over.

Volunteers Too Slow

The semi-official "Petit Parisien" declares that the British General Staff has informed the British Government that voluntary recruiting is now adding 60,000 men a month to the British army, which is far too slow to enable 23 new divisions to be raised rapidly. The paper also declares that all preparatory measures have been taken in order to be able to begin with the rapid training and organisation of a new army after the introduction of compulsory military service in England. A plan is complete in all details, is already in the hands of Mr. Leslie Hore-Belisha, the Secretary for War.—Trans-Ocean.

London Reactions

London, Apr. 25.—Headlines blazoned the Government's decision to introduce a measure of conscription in the early editions of this morning's papers, but the news came too late to alter prevailing editorial comment, which is confined to the Budget.

The displacement of the Budget from the leading position on the news pages gave late night workers and West End revellers their second stern reminder within a few hours of the seriousness of the passing.

At the same time the shock was not great, for the nation had been fully prepared, reading the signs and warnings of the press for the last few days, for further sacrifices affecting not only their pockets.

Speculation among political correspondents as to what the Government is planning, following last night's surprise Cabinet meeting and Mr. Chamberlain's call on His Majesty, shows remarkable unanimity.

Age Limits

There is not entire agreement on the age group said to be contemplated—it ranges from 18 to 20 in the "Daily Herald" and "Daily Telegraph," to 18 and 21 in the "Daily Mirror," and "Daily Express," and from 18 to 25 in the "Daily Mail."

Big Battles In China

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now in progress. The Chinese were expelled from the city itself after an all-night battle and are now entrenched in the suburbs.

A Chinese attack on Wenhsein was repulsed after bitter fighting. Chinese military headquarters state that severe fighting is raging in the vicinity of Taihang and Chihsein.

KIANCSU

Suchow, the important railway junction which fell to the Japanese twelve months ago, is menaced by the new Chinese offensive. Hsichwang, on the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, has been captured by the Chinese, and Jukao is besieged.

KWANGTUNG

Japan is concentrating all efforts on recapturing Sunwul, and a landing enormous reinforcements to aid the onslaughts on the city near Canton. The Chinese appear to be tenaciously holding on. Japanese aeroplanes are continually bombing the Chinese positions.

Japanese attempts to land near Mc Lau, in the West River, an attempt to outflank the Chinese forces at Sunwul, were repulsed.

HITLER SNUBS BRITAIN

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day with Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop did not take place.

It was explained that Herr Ribbentrop's engagements did not permit the meeting.

No arrangement was made for an interview at a subsequent time. It has been suggested, Sir Neville Henderson has a message to the German Government, there is, at the moment, no return when he will be able to deliver it.

German official quarters, however, emphatically discount the idea that Sir Neville Henderson is the bearer of any message. They base their attitude on Mr. Chamberlain's statement that the Ambassador was returning in the normal course of events after leave.

London's "Hurry"

The "Hamburger Fremdenblatt" comments: "Judging from its press, London is in a much greater hurry than Berlin to renew the threads of conversation with Berlin."

Newspapers ridicule the idea that British conscription would impress Berlin. The "Anglo" says: "We are completely indifferent about the manner in which Britain organises her defence."

Britain Must Be Mad

The "Allgemeine Zeitung" writes that Britain must be mad if she thinks to move Germany by warnings or threats.

Herr von Ribbentrop met Mr. Markovitch, the Yugo-Slav Foreign Minister at the airport to-day. His engagements last beyond the time for Hitler's speech on Friday.—Reuter.

but in other essentials the correspondents have the same information. Thus it is agreed that the young men affected will serve a short period in the regular army—three months or four months—and then be drafted to local territorial units, for, as the "Daily Mail" insists, four years.

The list of reserved occupations announced at the time of the issue of the National Service handbook, has since been added to, and it is considered likely that it will be revised in order to free the greatest possible number of men.

The "Daily Telegraph" calculates that 450,000 men would be conscripted.

1,000,000 Available

According to the 1931 census figures, recalled by the "Daily Express," there were over 1,000,000 men between the ages of 18 and 20 in Great Britain at that time.

Some reports assert that the necessary Bill will not be rushed through the House, but will be the subject of some debate in order that the opposition may be "appeased."

The "Daily Herald" correspondent says that intense feeling has been aroused in opposition circles by the news of Mr. Chamberlain's sudden abandonment of his repeated declaration that "peace-time conscription was not under consideration."

Much reference is made to representations from abroad, particularly by France, and War Office circles, having influenced the Government's reported decision, in addition to the admitted seriousness of the international situation.

Mr. Chamberlain is meeting Mr. Clement Attlee and Mr. Arthur Greenwood after to-morrow's Cabinet meeting, where it is likely the Government's conscription deliberations will be completed.

The meeting will no doubt have an important bearing on the attitude of the Opposition, and possibly a statement can be expected at the end of question-time in the House of Commons in the afternoon.

Country's Support

In a brief editorial, the "Daily Mail" comments: "The Government has decided on a measure and the country will support it. Compulsory service has long been foreseen as inevitable, and it will be patriotically accepted. Conscription is a warning to the world that Britain is determined to protect her imperial interests to live up to her pledged word."

Hitler The Author

The "Daily Express" says: "Hitler is the real author of both measures (conscription and the budget). 'Hitler, when he frames his reply to President Roosevelt on Friday will know where we stand. Make no mistake! Conscription is introduced because it is the will of the people.'—Reuter."

Diplomats And Defence

(Continued From Page 1)

seen as a prelude to increased collaboration on the part of Yugo-Slavia with the anti-Comintern Powers.

It is confidently predicted that the conclusion of a treaty of amity between Yugo-Slavia and Hungary will be the outcome.—Trans-Ocean.

Talks In Bucharest

Bucharest, Apr. 25.—M. Potemkin, deputy Soviet Foreign Minister, arrived here to-day from Tighina.

He was met by an official of the Rumanian Foreign Office, and members of the Foreign Legation, as well as a party of police detectives who have been assigned the task of protecting him during his journey through Rumania.

Later M. Potemkin left in a private car for Giurgiu, when he crossed the Danube to continue his journey through Bulgaria to Turkey.

It is stated that while still on Bulgarian soil, he was met by a Turkish percentage of high rank.

It is learnt that M. Potemkin did not get into touch with any Rumanian political quarters while passing through the country.—Trans-Ocean.

London Parleys

London, Apr. 25.—Further conversations were held between M. Gafencu and Viscount Halifax at the Foreign Office this afternoon. No official intimation of the course or scope of the talks is yet given, but it is expected that a communique will be issued to-morrow.

In the meantime, says "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent, there is reason to believe that arrangements have been made for an extension to Rumania of facilities under the export credits scheme to enable Rumania to increase materially her imports from Britain.

It is believed that the question of the supply of arms to Rumania was also discussed.

The European situation generally, and the position of the Balkans in particular, have been thoroughly reviewed, as well as the position arising from the British guarantee to Rumania.

It is understood that it was agreed there would be no purpose at the present in Rumania making the guarantee reciprocal.

The implications of the present Anglo-Russian discussions and of the Rumanian attitude towards receiving military assistance from Russia were also discussed, while M. Gafencu reported on his conversations with Herr Hitler and Herr von Ribbentrop.—Reuter.

600 New Planes For America

Washington, Apr. 25.—The Senate to-day approved the \$508,000,000 appropriation for the army and defence activities during the fiscal year beginning August 1, 1939.

It includes provision for about 600 modern aeroplanes.

The bill now goes to the White House for President Roosevelt's signature.—Reuter Special.

Trinidad Defences

TRINIDAD, Apr. 25.—The Government has asked all men between 18 and 50 years of age to recruit for coastal defence, anti-aircraft work and searchlight posts as from to-morrow.—United Press.

Parleys Break Down?

London, Apr. 25.—The fact that there is no news to date of Count Ciano's expected visit to Berlin is taken by the "Daily Express" foreign affairs correspondent to mean that the reported negotiations to convert the anti-Comintern pact into a military alliance have broken down.

The correspondent, who asserts that Count Ciano has cancelled his plan to attend Hitler's Reichstag speech, says that this is the authoritative explanation he has received from Rome.

According to the report, Japan hesitated her naval authorities being impressed by President Roosevelt's order to concentrate the fleet in the Pacific, but German diplomacy is still making eleven-hour efforts to change the Japanese Government's decision.

Describing the deliberations going on "without interruption" in the inner circles of the Japanese Government as "momentous," the "Times" Tokyo correspondent says that on balance it is still permissible to expect that whatever Hitler may decide his audience on Friday, he will be unable to say that Japan will fight the Axis battles in the Pacific.

The situation, even the future, of the Japanese Cabinet is in a very delicate balance, the correspondent concludes.—Reuter.

The M.M. liner Jean Laborde is expected to arrive from Kobe, via Shanghai 2.30 p.m. to-morrow and will sail 9 p.m. for Marseilles via Saigon.

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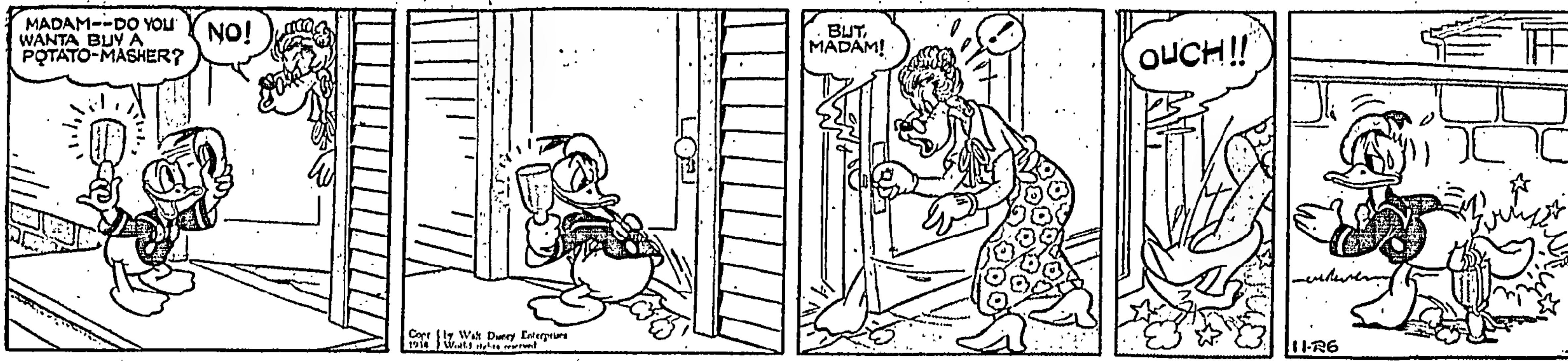
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BRITAIN TO SPEND PHENOMENAL SUM

LONDON, Apr. 25. THE HOUSE was crowded when Sir John Simon, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, introduced his keenly anticipated Budget.

After reminding the House that in the first of his 13 budgets, he had to provide for a grand total of only £53,000,000, the Chancellor said that to-day the budget was 20 times bigger than Gladstone's of 1853 when Gladstone proposed the abolition of income tax.

Big Increases

"Although revenue this year fell short of the estimated mark by £17,500,000, it is still nearly £55,000,000 more than the revenue last year."

"The gross total for defence expenditure of all kinds last year was almost exactly £400,000,000, compared with £205,500,000 the previous year."

While income tax fell short of the estimates, surplus exceeded the estimate of the previous year.

Defence Borrowings

Sir John Simon explained that defence expenditure last year from revenue was £254,500,000. They had borrowed £128,000,000, making a total of £382,500,000 for the three defence departments.

With food storage and air raid precautions, the gross total was almost exactly £400,000,000. Supplementary expenditure for defence was a most serious and important question, and a cardinal issue in the present budget.

He estimated that expenditure for the supply service was £875,000,000. The total estimated expenditure for air raid precaution services was

Beats Roosevelt Deficits!

LONDON, Apr. 25. In presenting the "War Budget" Sir John Simon said there are three characteristics of war time financing.

- 1.—The huge total expenditure which can be compared only with the World War budgets.
- 2.—The huge defence appropriations, which are equivalent to 12.5 per cent. of the national income.
- 3.—The gigantic defence loans to cover a deficit exceeding even President Roosevelt's public works spending.—United Press.

£42,000,000, of which £37,000,000 had to be borrowed. The estimated expenditure on food reserves was £5,000,000.

The total expenditure from revenue was £222,000,000, apart from defence supplementary expenditure. Dealing with social services and home expenditure, Sir John Simon said that new internal projects calling for major additions to expenditure were not in the present circumstances possible.

Revenue Prospects

Dealing with revenue prospects, Sir John said he estimated various yields on the existing basis of taxation.

The total estimated expenditure on the existing basis of taxation was £210,000,000. Some £222,000,000 were available towards meeting this year's defence expenditure.

Compared with the original figures of £580,000,000 for defence last year, £250,000,000 from loan, and £230,000,000 from revenue—the figures had risen to the region of £630,000,000 for defence in all its aspects, and it might well be more.

The whole difference should not be met by loan, and there must be additional taxation.

£942,000,000 in Taxes

Of the difference, £24,000,000 would be met out of revenue. The taxpayer, therefore, would pay £942,000,000, and £380,000,000 would be obtained by borrowing.

Sir John Simon announced the abolition of the medicine stamp duty, and a reduction in the theatre entertainment duties.

He announced an excise duty on films and plates manufactured in Britain which would be equivalent to twopence on the popular roll films, giving an estimated revenue of £800,000 this year, and £1,000,000 in a full year.

Sir John Simon declared that there would be no increase in the income tax standard rate, an announcement received with cheers.

Cheers Cease

The cheers ceased when the Chancellor announced that the motor car tax would be increased by ten shillings to 25s. per horse power from January next, and there was silence when he announced changes in surtax and estate duties.

As regards surtax, a surcharge of a further five per cent. on incomes up to £8,000, and further ten per cent. on those over £8,000, would be payable.

Tobacco duty would be raised from to-morrow by two shillings to 11s. 6d. per pound. Sugar duty would be increased by one farthing a pound as from to-day.

Sir John Simon indicated that there would be death duty of ten per cent. on estates over £50,000. The total estimated revenue on the new basis of taxation was £942,000,000.

Stupendous Figure

Sir John Simon referred to the £630,000,000 required for defence as "this stupendous figure which measures the size and effort that has to be made, and which measures the country's determination to make it" (general cheers). The Chancellor said that it would be easy to add this to the loan figure,

but he did not think this simple solution justified.

"If there is a limit to what can conveniently and tolerably be raised by taxation, there is also a limit to what can be wisely raised by borrowing. Heavy as is the burden of taxation upon all, the country is used to the necessity of further sacrifices."

"In the long run, it would not be in the country's interests to attempt lightly-hearted to throw an additional sum wholly into the borrowing scale, and consequently I am proposing additional taxation of approximately £24,000,000."

Legislation will be required on certain points arising out of our trade agreements with the United States and India, and I shall have to table resolutions implementing certain provisions of the American trade agreement, and in the case of the Indian trade agreement, to bring a new agreement within the framework of the Ottawa agreements.

Million Rebate

Sir John Simon explained that the repeal of the medicine stamp duties and a relief to the theatres by reducing the tax by one penny per admission, would cost about £1,000,000.

Dealing with income tax, Sir John said that the present rate was within the experience of the highest figure during the war.

They had been doing all they could to encourage measures of confidence in business, and there were grounds for expecting a further business recovery, if there was no setback.

Therefore, he had avoided any measure which would have a generally depressing effect on industry, even if the effect on industry is largely a matter of psychology.

Car Tax Surprise

Sir John Simon's announcement on car tax increases surprised the House, and there was a general conversation among Members, who were obviously working out the increase on their own car taxes.

The Chancellor, in explaining the sugar duty, said that the present duty on foreign raw sugar was equivalent to 9s. 4d. per hundredweight. The new rates would involve the addition of 2s. 4d. per hundredweight. Empire preference duty would be preserved, and excise duty on home-grown sugar would be adjusted to maintain the existing margin of advantage.

Terrific Sum

"Reuter" points out that the total budget figures amount to the terrific sum of £1,285,000,000. Revenue is estimated at £942,500,000, but to this must be added amounts to be met by borrowing, estimated at £342,500,000.

This sum is to be spent on defence, and does not take into consideration any additional amounts which may be authorised by the supplementary estimates.—Reuter.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Apr. 25.			
	Opening	Closing	
May	8.30/30	8.27/27	
July	8.08/08	8.02/02	
October	7.70/77	7.70/70	
December	7.07/07	7.00/00	
January	7.08/08	7.00/00	
March	7.70/70	7.59/59	
Spot		0.94N	
The First Notice Day for May cotton is April 25th, and the last day is May 10th.			
New York Rubber			
May	15.50/51	15.70/72	
September	15.75/77	15.80/80	
December	15.80/80a	15.02b/03a	
March		15.15/15	
The First Notice Day for May rubber is April 27th, and the last day May 1st.			
Chicago Wheat			
May	0.83 3/8	0.83 1/2	
July	0.77 1/2	0.77 1/2	
September	0.77 1/2	0.77 1/2	
Monday's Sales—5,412,000 bushels.			
Chicago Corn			
May	40 1/4	40 1/4	
July	40 1/4	40 1/4	
September	50 1/4	50 1/4	
Winnipeg Wheat			
May	0.83 1/2	0.83 1/2	
July	0.77 1/2	0.77 1/2	
October	0.77 1/2	0.77 1/2	

SIR JOHN ALLSEBROOK SIMON, Chancellor of Exchequer since 1937; leader of the Liberal National Party. Congregational Minister's son; barrister; chairman of the London & Lancashire Cotton Corporation, R 101 inquiry. He was Secretary 1915-16 (resigned), opposing conscription, 1935-1937; Foreign Secretary 1931-35. R.A.F. major 1917-18. Twice married; son, two daughters; is 65.

Opposition Demands More Taxes!

LONDON, Apr. 25. IN THE COURSE of the debate which followed the Chancellor's Budget speech, Mr. Clement Attlee, leader of the Opposition, complained that the Chancellor was not really facing the problem of colossal expenditure, but was passing it on.

Sooner or later, borrowing was going to fall on the poorest of the poor. "Sooner or later and the sooner the better we shall have to come down to taxation of accumulated wealth, instead of creating enormous indebtedness on which interest must be paid," Mr. Attlee said.

Unimaginative

Sir Archibald Sinclair, leader of the Liberals, described the budget as pedestrian and unimaginative. He belittled the people's goodwill and patriotism, of which Sir John Simon had spoken, would be greatly fortified if the taxpayer was convinced that the Government was seriously tackling the problem of expenditure.

"Let us be certain that the great expenditure on armaments is being economically administered," declared Sir Archibald.

Mobilising Wealth

"In the meantime, private expenditure, especially luxuries should be prevented from competing with the national re-armament effort."

"While supporters of the Government are demanding the sacrifice of more power, there is little evidence in the budget of a resolute policy to mobilise the country's economic and financial resources for a national effort."—Reuter.

Commons Agrees

London, Apr. 25. The House of Commons agreed this evening to the Budget tobacco and films resolutions.—Reuter.

Lobby Reaction

London, Apr. 25. Government supporters generally approve of Sir John Simon's policy of avoiding an addition to the income tax, says "Reuter's" lobby correspondent.

The decision to impose further taxation to meet the additional cost of defence is regarded as a gesture of British determination which is expected will be appreciated in other countries.

Approval is expressed of the proposal to tighten the provisions against tax evasion. Opposition members express relief that the burdens are not heavier, but a number of Labourites feel that more could be raised by taxing the higher ranges of income tax payers, thus pressing less heavily on payers of indirect taxes—sugar and tobacco.

French Reaction

Paris, Apr. 25. Britain has risen wonderfully to the occasion, is the feeling here following the budget, which has created a deep impression.

It is regarded as further proof that Britain is determined to stand armed and prepared to prevent aggression.—Reuter.

Clothing and money to the value of £120 was stolen from the residence of Mr. A. Andrews in Bowen Road this morning.

HONGKONG TO SPEND MORE

ONE OF the largest Supplementary estimates of expenditure ever brought before Legislative Council will be considered by the Finance Committee to-morrow.

It calls for the expenditure of \$1,229,182. As two previous supplementary estimates, already approved by Council, call for expenditure of \$851,592, the total supplementary expenditure will now be raised to \$2,080,774, with eight months of the financial year yet to run.

As a result, expenditure for the financial year, originally estimated at \$38,502,760, will not be at least \$40,532,530—the first time in its history that the Colony's budget has reached the forty millions. The original Estimates called for a deficit of \$2,402,435. With additional expenditure already called for, the estimated deficit is now \$4,480,109—also a record.

New Lighthouse Ship

Among the items included in the Supplementary Estimates are \$240,000 for the construction of a light-house tender to replace the rescue tug Kiu Sing, wrecked in the 1938 typhoon, and \$100,000 for site formation in Argyle Street for the new Kowloon Hospital and Infirmary. The report on the Supplementary Estimates disclosed that the new lighthouse tender will be used as a training ship for the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force.

Refugee Costs

Other items in the Supplementary Estimates are \$250,000 for relief of refugees for a further six months, \$140,000 for buying out new roads consequent upon the building boom in the Colony, \$100,000 as part of a five-year plan of improvements on the Kowloon-Muklu Ferry Road, \$169,000 for prison works, including the construction of a new detention camp and substantial sums for wireless services.

William Mengelberg and His Concertgebouw Orchestra. 6.06 Brahms—Symphony No. 3 in F major, Op. 90. 6.15 London Relay—Singsong. A mid-week variety entertainment. 6.15 London Relay—The News. 6.30 London Relay—Empire Extension.

Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and Colonies. 6.45 London Relay—Sports News and Market Notes. 6.50 Studio—"That Music Reminds Me"—3.

Dialogue by Terrance Gilbert. 10.20 Haydn—Symphony No. 6 in G Major ("Surprise"). Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitzky. 10.43 Saint-Saens—Septet, Op. 65. Foveau (Trumpet); Cantrelle (1st Violin); Schlinger (2nd Violin); Vicux (Viola); Marnoff (Cello); Nanny (Double-bass); and Faure (Piano). 11.0 Close down.

Health Enters Plan

Canberra, Australia. As part of Australia's National Defence Plan, the minister of national health has decided to launch a health programme. "The millions we are now spending on national defence," he declared, "will be largely wasted unless we connect the link between health and national security."

Sydney Riot

Sydney, Apr. 25. Australians and New Zealanders throughout the world are celebrating Anzac Day to-day. Crowds including many ex-servicemen, demonstrated in front of the German Consulate here. The police and fire brigade restored order after the crowds had threatened to haul down the swastika flag.—United Press.

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LETTERS

"Saunders' Circus"

To The Editor, Hongkong Telegraph

Sir.—I shall be grateful if you will, through the courtesy of your correspondence column, allow me to correct a statement made in your issue on Monday with reference to the traffic circus at the junction of Waterloo Road and Argyle Street, in which you say "there is little possibility that Saunders' Circus, the garden-filled islands at the intersection of Waterloo Road and Argyle Street, will be removed, despite recent representations by the Kowloon Residents' Association on the subject."

This reference implies that the K.R.A. are in favour of this particular circus and desire its removal. My Committee have at all times worked amicably with the Police Traffic Department, and members of our Traffic Sub-Committee have met them on the site and discussed the layout on several occasions. All reports from this Sub-Committee have been in favour of the circus, and our General Committee have endorsed the action of the Police in building it. We have, from time to time, made what we considered helpful suggestions with regard to the design, but have never suggested it was not requisite or necessary.

It appears possible that the reference at the last monthly meeting of my Committee to certain grass islands in Waterloo Road has been misconstrued as referring to the circus in question; in fact, the islands referred to were those situated in Waterloo Road itself, between Argyle Street and Prince Edward Road, and had no connection whatever with "Saunders' Circus."

A considerable part of this Association's work is devoted to the consideration of ways and means to make traffic safer for both pedestrians and motorists, and as our suggestions for improvements have always received courteous consideration by the Police authorities, we take this opportunity of correcting the incorrect statement quoted above.

DAVID ROSENTHAL,
 Hon. Secretary,
 (The "Telegraph" apologises for attributing opposition to "Saunders' Circus" to the K.R.A.—Ed.)

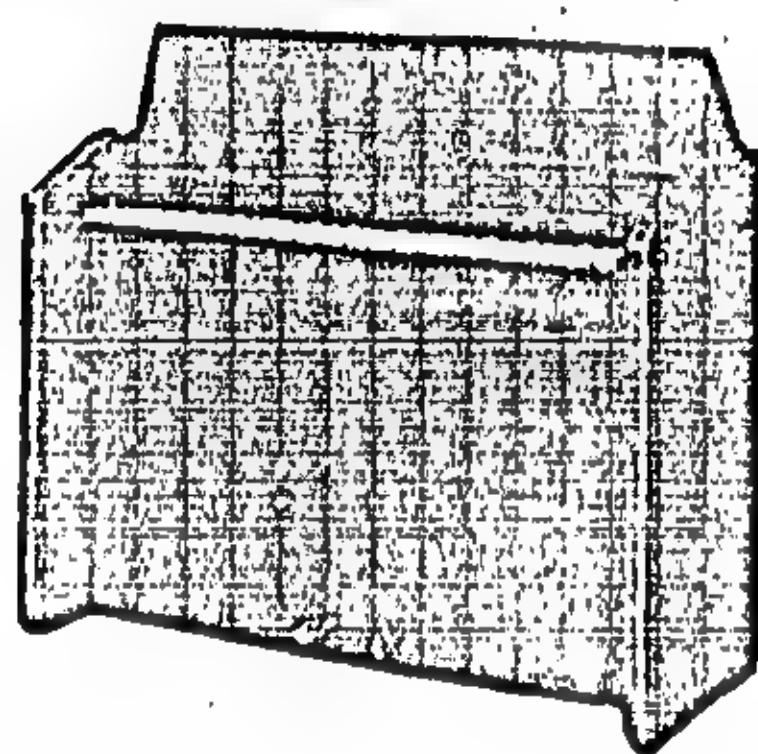


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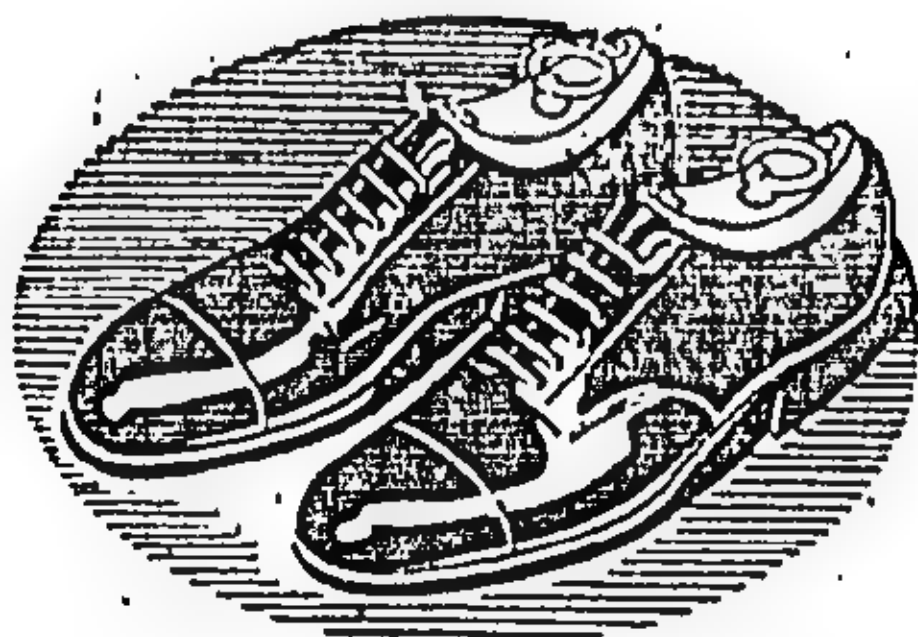
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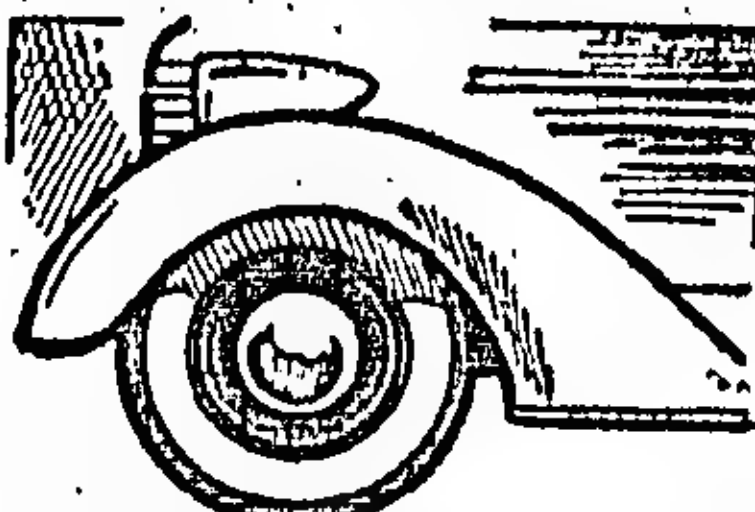


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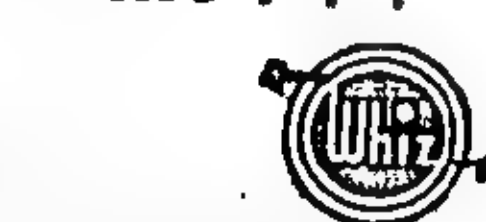
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"PENNY POSTAGE"—
CABLE VERSION

IT IS A happy coincidence that
the announcement of the new
cheap rate for social cablegrams
to all parts of the Empire except-
ing Canada and India occurs on
the twenty-fifth anniversary of the
completion of the Eastern Exten-
sion cable between Aden and
Hongkong.

A reference to the "Telegraph"
files of 1914 shows that this cable,
which was laid by the cable-ship
Colonia, was spliced on April 23,
1914, at a point 260 miles south
of the Colony, thus permitting
direct cable communication be-
tween this Colony and Aden (and
thence England) the first time.

It is no far cry to the time
when cable costs were so exorbi-
tant that their use was for the
moneyed few and commercial
firms. To-day, thanks to Ed-
ward Wilshaw, one of the
world's greatest authorities on
international communications, the
Cable & Wireless Ltd. intra-
Empire service has become in
effect a "penny-postage" cable
scheme for the masses.

Many of the reductions in cable
costs in the past eighteen months
have been astounding. The latest
reduction, effective on May, per-
mits every exile in this Colony,
whatever his or her means, to use
the world's greatest communica-
tions service at a cost that is but
four times greater than the inland
telegraphic service in England;
that compares favourably, indeed,
with the trans-Continental tele-
graph services in the United
States. With the promise of
radio-telephonic development,
linking Hongkong with over 90
per cent. of the world's sub-
scribers, residents of this Colony
have indeed much to thank the
genius who has made it possible.

A brief biographical sketch of
the Chief of Messrs. Cable & Wire-
less Ltd. would not be out of place.
Edward Wilshaw was born in Lon-
don in 1880, and is a descendant of
Thomas Wilshaw, an Elder Brother
of Trinity House who about 1690
succeeded Samuel Pepys, the
famous diarist, as Comptroller of
the Navy. Wilshaw entered the
service of the Eastern Telegraph
Company immediately after leaving
school, progressed rapidly, and was
eventually appointed the company's
General Manager and Secretary, be-
coming one of the best-known men
in the City of London. He was ap-
pointed General Manager and

Secretary of the great Empire
combine formed when the Govern-
ment merged nearly all communica-
tion systems throughout the Empire.
His great ambition, now realised,
has been to bring the Empire's
cable and radio services within
touch of everyone in the Common-
wealth.

It has been a great work, from
which the public has benefited
enormously. High cable tolls of
the past have as effectively aided
isolation for the majority of exiles
from Home as if cables did not
exist. Cheap tolls have brought
the four corners of the Empire
much closer together.

It is from the frontier at
the S.W. of Switzerland
(Lake Geneva), past the Jura
Mountains guarding Val d'Aoste,
the Vosges Mountains guarding
Belfort, Nancy and Bitcher to
Wissenbourg, then N.W. to
Longwy, Maubeuge and Lille
that is of interest, and most
particularly the sectors from
Strasbourg to Longwy covering
Toul, Metz, Verdun, Thionville
and St. Avold, and the vital in-
dustrial iron-fields of Briey.

In the construction of these
defences France has never
contemplated a jumping-off
ground for an invasion of Ger-
many, and hence they are not
adaptable as bases for an
attack.

MANY eyes are turned
now to the sector along
the Valley of the Moselle and
southwards to Strasbourg, Ver-

France is defended from the
Belgian frontier to the Mediter-
ranean Sea at Nice. The sector
which protects the Italian fron-
tier does not enter into serious
consideration at present.

THE WALL OF STEEL

MR. BALDWIN de-
clared in 1934 that
"The British fron-
tier is on the Rhine."

In other words he as-
serted that the centre of
gravity of European peace
rested on the Rhine. If at
times it has appeared to
shift to the Yangtse or the
Nile, the Volga, or the
North-West Frontier of In-
dia, to France more so than
to England it has always
been the Rhine that mat-
tered.

To guard herself against any
repetition of the invasion of
1914 and at gigantic cost, not
far short of £100,000,000, the
whole area of the frontier line
has been made by France as
safe as possible.

The first and essential fea-
ture of this vast defence chain
of steel and concrete, covering
forts above and below ground,
is that it is sited on the fron-
tier and not miles behind it.

FRANCE has pinned her
faith on her military
skill to prevent any invasion of
her territory.

But with German forces not
only near by, but bang on the
frontier itself, there is always
the danger of defences being
rushed, suddenly and swiftly.
The new instrument of war—
mechanical armoured weapons
—has changed the entire mili-
tary situation, and an offensive
planned secretly is an ever-
present danger.

After past experience it is
difficult to trust Germany and
to accept her guarantee of
security that such will never
happen.

It might suit Hitler for
France to scrap her mighty de-
fence works built up by 15
years of labour and sacrifice, but
to the outside world such a
suggestion savours of gross in-
sincerity or a complete lack of
appreciation of the true French
position.

France is defended from the
Belgian frontier to the Mediter-
ranean Sea at Nice. The sector
which protects the Italian fron-
tier does not enter into serious
consideration at present.

Here the French soldier,
when the lines are manned, lives
underground. No German sys-
tem of war dug-out, admirable
as it was, can begin to compare
with these. Fortresses com-
plete with barracks are under
the earth, safe from shell fire.

Steel doors protect from fire
guns, and water; poison gas cannot
penetrate; lifts bring shells to
case-mates and gun-turrets;
ventilation is good; accommoda-
tion ample and comfortable;
electricity for lighting and cook-
ing is provided.

From cavern-like entrances
guns, protrude, covering valley
and hill and plain for miles
around.

This frontier line of massed
defences has had many expert
minds working on its intrica-
cies, though the design as a
whole is simple, and the one

For miles it appears as if
the peaceful countryside had
neither soldier nor fort; under
the green grass of the field and
the cultivated areas of many
acres the defences lie hid from
all eyes.



"For miles it appears as if the
peaceful countryside had neither
soldier nor fort; under the
green grass of the field the de-
fences lie hid."

By
Major
Reade

objective, "the safety of
France."

Yet France is greatly per-
turbed. Germany has also built
a line of fortifications on her
side of the frontier as much as
to say, "We wait the day;
numerically our greater man-
population will swamp you?"
And then . . .

A Look Through
The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

April 26, 1914.
If our friends of the Sanitary
Board wish to have a genuine ex-
perience of how our beautiful harbour
can smell, we would recommend them
to walk any night after ten o'clock
from the old P. O. wharf to
Murray Barracks and from the Blue
Buildings to Jardine's godowns at
East Point. And then the Colonial
Surgeon and Dr. Canlie might in-
form the community what influence
the combination of stinks which
makes night hideous would be likely
to have on the public health during
the hot weather.

The statutory general meeting of
the Bank Hotel and Trading Com-
pany was held at noon to-day, in the
City Hall. In point of attendance it
might almost have been held in a
ricksha, for besides the Chairman
(the Hon. P. Ryrie), Mr. J. Ander-
son (director), Mr. W. Thomas
(manager), and Mr. C. Mooney
(secretary) there were only present
Messrs. W. H. Ray, G. Murray Bain,
E. W. Maitland, W. Parlane, J. D.
Sonnerville, and W. K. Wyllie.
The Chairman simply announced
that all the shares had been taken up,
and the business was progressing,
and the proceedings terminated.

25 YEARS AGO

April 26, 1914.
In the Legislative Council Cham-
ber on Thursday there was an echo
of the scandalous delay in the build-
ing of Hongkong's Post Office and
Law Court.

A Bill which came before the Coun-
cil for a first time was that which
amends the existing Airships Ordinance
by giving statutory power to
enable force to be used to compel the
descent of aircraft which disobey
the law. Hongkong must, of course,
be thoroughly up-to-date, and it will
be generally agreed that every means
possible should be taken to guard
our little fortified island from the
possibility of invasion. Every year
now, aircraft plays a more important
part in warfare, while the airship
has come to be a most useful adjunct
to would-be spies. Any step there-
fore, such as the present Bill, which
aims at immunity from espionage is
to be welcomed. There is only one
point, however, and that is whether
we are sufficiently up-to-date in
Hongkong to possess anti-aircraft
weapons with which to impose force
on the disobedient aviator? If not,
the Bill will be of small avail.

10 YEARS AGO

April 26, 1929.
Hongkong's deep and sincere affec-
tion for the Royal Family has been
exemplified in the fullest possible
manner this morning. Enhanced by
the news of His Majesty's progress
to Newcastle, the arrival in the
Colony of the Duke of Gloucester,
was made an occasion of great public
rejoicing, our Royal Visitor landing
amid scenes of brilliant splendour
and almost unparalleled enthusiasm.

5 YEARS AGO

April 26, 1934.
The small island of St. Helena,
historically famous as Napoleon's
place of exile after the Battle of
Waterloo, celebrated the centenary
as a Crown Colony yesterday.

GRIN AND BEAR IT. By Lichty



"Haven't you any country without a crisis?"



Young Man Would Follow Lily Pons To Ends Of The Earth

NORWALK, Conn., Apr. 25.
ARTHUR Casper (35) a railway employee at San Bernardino, California, was detained to-day charged with trespassing, after he had entered the home of Lily Pons, the film actress and opera singer "to talk to her."
Casper said that he had crossed the continent to see Lily Pons, and added: "I would follow her to the ends of the earth."
Lily Pons was in New York at the time, and her mother, Madame Pons, conversed with Casper until the police arrived.—United Press.

Pertinent Queries To Chamberlain In House To-day

LONDON, Apr. 25.
PRIVATE questions which will be answered by Mr. Chamberlain in the House of Commons to-morrow include:—

(1). Whether His Majesty's Government has accepted President Roosevelt's invitation to participate in a world conference.

(2). Whether it remains the Government's policy to discuss all outstanding questions between them and the German Government as part of a general settlement ensuring the establishment of permanent peace on the basis of justice to all nations, including the Czech nation.

The above questions will be tabled by Mr. Arthur Henderson, the Labour Member.

Other questions tabled will include:—
(1). Whether in view of President Roosevelt's message, as an intimation that the United States is willing to take part in negotiations for the purpose of removing the possible causes of friction between nations, is held to make it clear to the world that this country is willing, so far as lies in its power, to contribute to the consolidation of peace by ensuring that all countries have access to raw materials subject to effective international disarmament.—United Press.

Stock Market Reaction To Budget

London, Apr. 25.
The imminence of the budget caused quietness on the London Stock Exchange to-day, but the tone was satisfactory.

After an indifferent opening, the tone improved with gilt-edged holdings staging a final rally. Kaffirs were good and tobacco strong.

The budget provisions, which became known after the market had closed were well received, but prices were not greatly affected, apart from tobacco which eased slightly.

As far as commodities were concerned, an increase of one farthing per pound sugar duty was generally in accordance with expectations, and it is not expected to affect the price.

At the same time, some sugar interests voiced thanks that the increase was not larger.

It is estimated that over a full year, 2,000,000 tons of sugar are liable for the extra farthing duty.

Wall Street was firm.—Reuter Special.

German-Spanish Trade Pact

Berlin, Apr. 25.
A German-Spanish trade treaty, similar to the agreement with Rumania, is expected to be completed shortly, states the "Danziger Vorposten," which has close connections with the German Foreign Office.
The paper adds that the treaty will concern the rehabilitation of Spain after the devastation of the civil war, and the exploitation of the country's raw material and resources which are described as "immense."—Reuter Special.

Dramatic Indictments In Philippines Railway Bonds Alleged Fraud

NEW YORK, Apr. 25.

IT IS authoritatively stated that the Government intends to seek the trial of William P. Buckner, jr., Felipe Buencamino and the co-defendants in the alleged mail frauds in connection with Philippine Railway Bonds, within three or four weeks, and that the prosecution intends to introduce movie stars as witnesses.

A 16-page indictment in addition to Jose Bonto, chairman of the railway committee of the Philippine Assembly, names as confederates George Breen, a well-known market operator, Noel C. Scaffa, a private detective, George Shein and Joseph Cohen of New York, formerly representing the bond holders on the committee, Francis Hock, a British broker, George Hall, a broker, and James W. Liddle, described as a personal friend of Buckner's.

Government officials privately estimated that Buckner and the other co-defendants received as much as \$50,000 from the so-called victim, and they also estimated that the public lost as much as \$1,000,000 as a result of the alleged bond manipulation.

Each count specifies a separate person or corporation to which the defendants allegedly wrote in connection with the purported conspiracy.

A section of the indictment entitled "Overt Acts" relating to Buencamino reads:

"In pursuance of the said conspiracy, and to effect the objects thereof and heretofore, and on or about 25th day of July, 1938 in the southern district of New York, within the jurisdiction of this court, the defendant, William P. Buckner, jr., sent, or caused to be sent a cablegram to the defendant Felipe Buencamino of Manila."

It is believed that the Government plans to call some, or all, of those named conspirators as witnesses.

THE ALLEGED FRAUD

The indictment said that the defendants formed a protective committee causing a drop in the price by circulating rumours that the bonds were worthless, after which they caused rising prices after having purchased many of the bonds, by circulating rumours that the Government planned to guarantee payment on the bonds.

The Federal Grand Jury returned eight counts in the mail fraud indictment before Federal Judge Manuel Mendelbaum, naming Buckner, Buencamino, William Gillespie, C. Wesley Turner, and Captain John Stuart Hyde in an alleged scheme to defraud holders of Philippine Railway bonds.

The defendants each face a possible maximum of 37 years imprisonment and a fine of \$25,000.

The jury named several others charged as confederates, including Jose Bonto.—United Press.

Secrecy Over China's Use Of Credits

Washington, Apr. 25.
The Export and Import Bank to-day refused to reveal the amount of China's credits expended, which they said would be contrary to their policy.

The Bank reiterated that such a fund could not be employed for the import of airplanes and that it is therefore not connected with the reported transaction between the Chinese Government and United Aircraft Corporation.

Silver imports for March, reported to have originated in China, were valued at approximately \$1,300,000 which is much larger than recent months imports.

Experts have drawn attention to the fact that at such a rate, China could pay the full amount of the United Aircrafts reported \$15,000,000 contract in ten months.

Officials have repeatedly denied that Governmental credit is involved in the United Aircrafts transaction, while the Chinese Embassy has disclaimed any connection with the deal.

Authoritative sources state that the transaction was negotiated entirely in China.—United Press.

Scheme To Re-Organise U.S. Government Departments

WASHINGTON, Apr. 25.
PRESIDENT Roosevelt is submitting to Congress a proposal to re-group sixteen Government offices under three new agencies, which will be given control over all Government lending, relief work, and social welfare.

The new agencies would be called the Federal Loan Agency, the Federal Works Agency, and the Federal Security Agency.

Under the new Government reorganization law, the proposals would become effective after 60 days if they are not rejected by both houses of Congress.

Submitting the proposals, President Roosevelt stated: "My sole object is to make democracy work to

strengthen the arms of democracy for peace or war, and to ensure the solid blessings of free government. In these days of ruthless attempts to destroy democratic government, it is boldly asserted that the democracies must be weak in order to be democratic; therefore, it is easy to crush all free States out of existence.

"This reorganization is an attempt to answer such charges."—Reuter.

EUROPEAN PEACE AND CHINA

Expected To Have Vital Effect

CHUNGKING, Apr. 25.

THE general belief exists here that continued peace in Europe will possibly bring an earlier settlement of the Sino-Japanese conflict.

Most quarters express the belief that Britain's strenuous efforts to maintain European peace are based on the hope that this would leave their hands free for mediation or possible intervention in the Far East.

NO WAR THIS YEAR

There is a general belief here that there will be no war in Europe this year, principally because Hitler is not sure of full support from the German people and without this support he could not issue a military challenge. Also, although Britain and France have indicated that they are ready to fight further aggression, they are still appealing to Hitler for peaceful negotiations.

One Chinese official to-day said, "The tension of the past few weeks cannot continue, and peace or war depends entirely on Italy and Germany, as Britain and France will surely fight further aggression."

"If there is no war in Europe, then Britain and France will be able to concentrate their attention on the Far East."

"If there is a war and the democracies win, they will demand a showdown in the Far East."

The recent alignment of Yugoslavia with the Rome-Berlin axis seems to give the totalitarians greater success in the alignment of their forces, but America holds the balance of power."

He said President Roosevelt's message to Hitler was a "gesture" permitting Britain to sit on the sidelines and study reactions and also to time her future actions to fit in with Hitler's reply on Friday.

This enables Britain to keep the upper hand in Europe, whereas it would have merely meant "querulous questioning" if Britain had sent a similar message to Hitler.

"JOINT GESTURE"

The official said the hasty dispatching of the American fleet to the Pacific was another "gesture" in which Britain is seeking to maintain the status quo in Europe and America is similarly making efforts in the Pacific.

He said America's real interest is in the Pacific, which is the reason for the fleet's dispatch and to demonstrate Anglo-American co-operation to the world.

Informed circles here indicated the belief that if there is no war in Europe Germany will probably extend Japan material aid "in addition to the present moral assistance."—United Press.

New U.S. Cotton Proposals

Washington, Apr. 25.
Representative Hampton Fulmer to-day introduced into the House of Representatives a bill to increase cotton consumption by taxing pulp products not containing a fixed percentage of cotton fibre.

The law would apply to newsprint and paperboard containing less than five per cent. of cotton fibre, other paper containing less than ten per cent., and rayon, cellophane and plastic containing less than 15 per cent.

Surplus cotton would be made available to pulp processors at six cents a pound, with the Government absorbing the loss.—Reuter.

The Junkers JU 52 monoplane of this German Lufthansa Company, which left Karachi at 3:20 p.m. yesterday, arrived at Jodhpur at 8:30 p.m. last night.
"Stopping at Jodhpur overnight, the plane left for Calcutta early this morning."

Canada Also Budgets: More Tariffs

OTTAWA, Apr. 25.
Mr. Charles A. Dunning, the Finance Minister, introducing the Canadian budget, announced that five per cent. duties would be imposed on the imports of tin and crude rubber from countries not enjoying British preference.

Imports from all countries enjoying an intermediate tariff and the most-favoured nation privileges under the Canadian tariff, would no longer be liable to the special three per cent. excise tax.—Reuter.

Japan Will Not Stand War Strain

CHUNGKING, Apr. 25.

INTERVIEWED yesterday, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek expressed his belief that Japan would not stand the strain of prolonged hostilities.

"China's big offensive," Generalissimo Chiang said, "has not yet begun. In the present fighting to the east of the Canton-Hankow and Peiping-Hankow Railways too great significance must not be attached to the gain or loss of a district or a town."

Referring to the international situation, Generalissimo Chiang stated that it had turned out all as expected. He emphasized the importance of the present attitude of the United States.

Generalissimo Chiang denied rumours of Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr's mediation in the Sino-Japanese war. He said that the British Ambassador had no special mission on his present trip to Chungking.—Central News.

REAL OFFENSIVE NOT YET STARTED

Referring publicly for the first time to the series of successful Chinese attacks on the Japanese in six provinces since their commencement when the Chinese entered Kaifeng three weeks ago, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek declared during a press interview yesterday that Chinese counter-offensives on all fronts against the invaders had not been started yet.

The regain or loss of a city or a town in the fighting taking place in the area east of the Peiping-Hankow and Canton-Hankow railways was not considered of great importance by the Commander-in-Chief. Japan, he believed, could not continue for long in the protracted war.

Generalissimo Chiang expressed satisfaction with the tendency of the present developments of the international situation, which, according to his observation, were in favour of China. "The American attitude," he stated, particularly had great influence on the situation.

Generalissimo Chiang flatly denied current rumours to the effect that Sir Archibald Kerr Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador to China, went to Chungking with the aim of mediation in the Sino-Japanese war.

S. W. Africa Police Bill

Cape Town, Apr. 25.
The South-West Africa Police Bill passed its third reading in the Assembly to-day by 88 votes to 20.

General Smuts declared that the Government had no intention of incorporating the South-West Africa police. The mandate gave the Union Government full rights of administration and legislation.—Reuter Special.

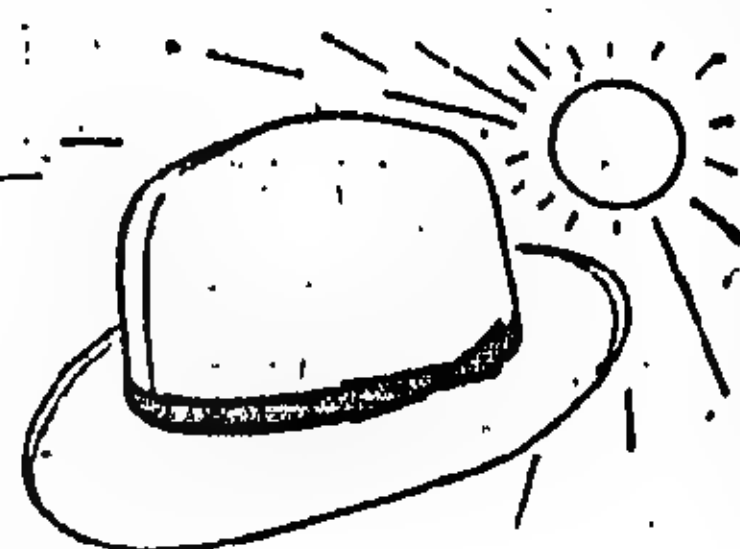
The P. and O. liner Canton left Shanghai yesterday and is due here to-morrow at about 3 p.m.

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S. A. RUMJAHN'S FIGHT PLUCKY BUT UNAVAILING

"Unknown" Golfer Defeats Stowe

Southport, Apr. 25. A young "unknown" golfer, R. Caville, of Stockport, beat Charles Stowe, Walker Cup player and Midlands favourite for the title, by two and one in the second round and provided the first sensation in the English Amateur Golf Championship now in progress. The holder, J. J. Pennink, and former holders Harry Bentley, Leonard Crawley and Stanley Lunt, all entered the third round to-day. —*Reuter.*

Ewo League Bowling Final

Hongkong Wonders v. Competitors

(By "Abe")

"The Big Fight" is on to-night, according to an advertisement in the Telegraph yesterday. Don't be misled: it does not refer to a boxing match but to the final of the Ewo Bowling League, which is to take place at the Hongkong Bowling Alleys at 7 p.m. to-day.

The game, which was introduced to Hongkong last summer, has attained great popularity here and in the match this evening will be seen some of the best bowlers the Colony can boast. The two teams which have reached the final stage of the League are the Competitors, who won the last League competition, and the Hongkong Wonders.

Representing the Competitors to-night are E. R. Henther, Doc Molten, D. Venezia and C. Miller, an all-American team, who are undoubtedly top-dogs in the alley game. But for the first time since the Ewo League commenced, Henther and Co. will receive some competition.

While probably not as strong as a team as the Americans, the Hongkong Wonders have, in J. S. Landolt and L. Gaddi, two players who can hold their own in any company, while M. Talm and A. Goldau, the other two members of the team, have been known to put up some extremely good scores.

Arrangements are completed for the match. No charge will be made for admission and ladies are cordially invited to attend. A string band will render appropriate music during the evening.



The handsome cup donated by the Ewo Bowling Company for competition in the Ewo Bowling League, the final stage of which will be played this evening.

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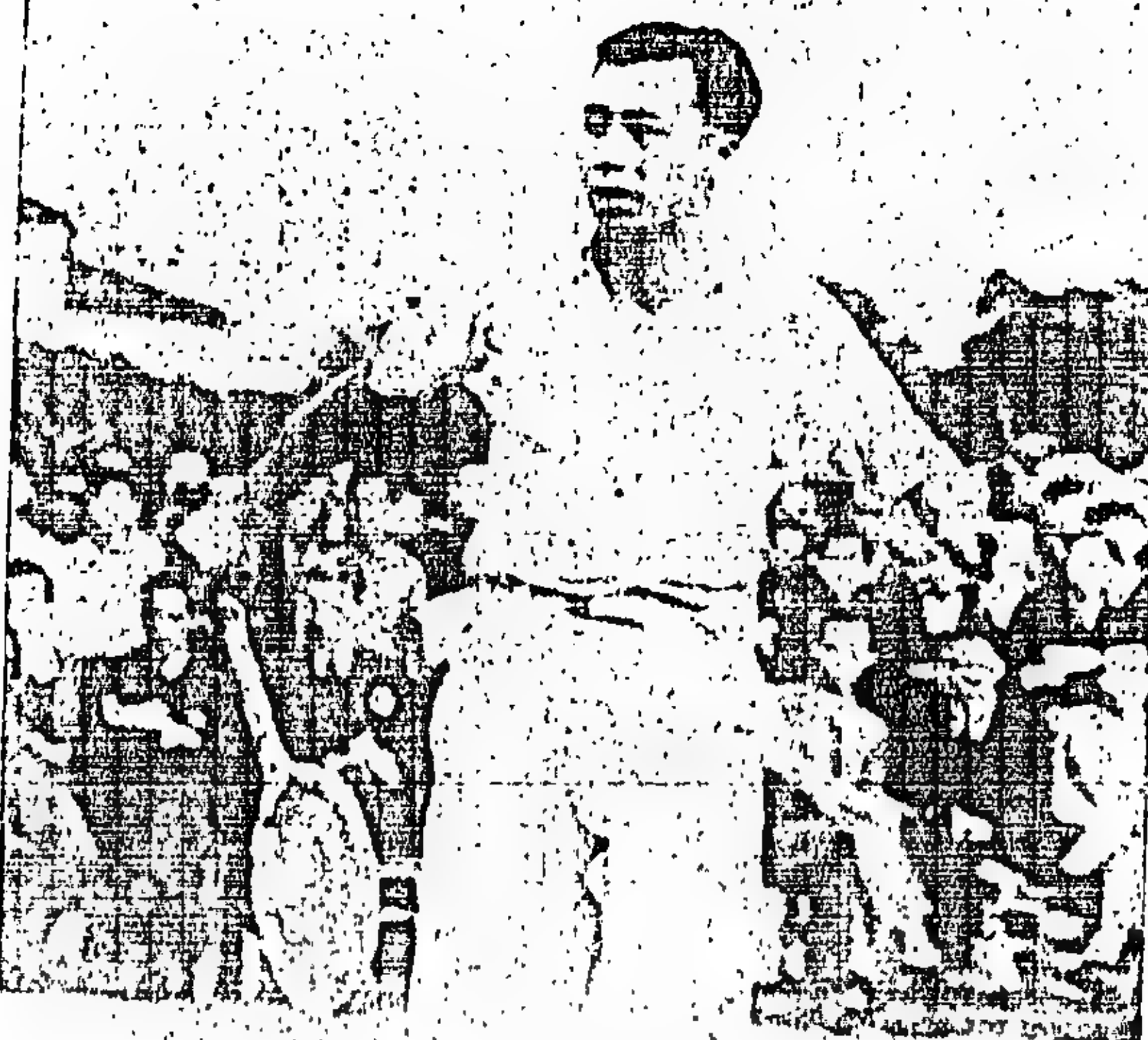
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Tsui Wai-pui, the champion, entered the final of the Colony Tennis singles championship yesterday by defeating S. A. Rumjahn in the semi-final round after a splendid match. Tsui (above) is generally expected to retain his title. —*Staff Photographer.*

CONTEST WON BY SHANGHAI

Shanghai succeeded in winning a fourth world-wide basketball free throw competition held under the auspices of the New York Army and Navy Y.M.C.A., according to a report received last week. The local representatives tallied no less than 248 points to outclass six other contending teams by a big margin.

Mitchell Field finished second with 109. The third place produced a close fight as Fort Totten beat Norfolk by three points, 106-103.

Twenty-five players represented Shanghai this year. Out of the 78 tries, J. C. Palmer, ace forward of the champion U.S. Marine "Reds" team, accounted for 37 goals to win local premier honours. D. Sargent, star of Palmer's team, tied with R. P. Nelson for second place, each getting 36.

The world-wide individual championship was won by J. Hiltton of Norfolk, who garnered 38, thereby defeating Palmer by a single goal. While Sargent and Nelson took third honours—24—H. E. Anderson, J. Vitulje, and D. R. Dingwall of Shanghai and R. Jacobson of Norfolk came in fifth on a four-way tie, each obtaining 35.

The results follow:—

Team	Scores	No. Competing
1. Shanghai	248	25
2. Mitchell Field	109	10
3. Fort Totten	106	10
4. Norfolk	103	24
5. Fort Wm. McKinley	100	7
6. Hamilton	100	7

The 1st Ten	Score	Team
1. J. Hiltton	38	Norfolk
2. D. Sargent	36	Shanghai
3. R. P. Nelson	36	Shanghai
4. H. E. Anderson	35	Shanghai
5. J. Vitulje	35	Shanghai
6. D. R. Dingwall	35	Shanghai
7. R. Jacobson	35	Norfolk
8. M. Sernick	35	Shanghai
9. S. C. Cuthbert	35	Mitchell Field

Here And There With "Abe"

Age Limit For School Athletes Is Unfair

IN connection with the annual Inter-School Athletic meeting, the heats of which were held yesterday afternoon, my attention has been drawn to a condition which prevents boys of 10 or over from participating. A foot-note appearing in the list of events shown to me stated that "any boy who has reached the age of 10 on the day of the heats" cannot take part in the races. While not knowing the real reason for this rule, it does seem to me on the face of it rather hard for the older schoolboys who, because of their age, are barred from participating in a meeting to which so many of them have been looking forward. This rule, which is strictly enforced, is, in my opinion, should not affect British, Portuguese or local Indian boys very much. I should imagine; but Chinese boys, who usually go to English schools rather late in life, will find this rule somewhat. For them, it would seem rather unfair, through no fault of their own, they now have to sit on the side-lines and watch whereas they should be competing. Why should this state of affairs exist? The meeting is organised for schools in the Colony and, strictly speaking, each and every schoolboy should be entitled to participate. If there must be an age limit, why not lift it to 12? There would be more reason for the rule to be enforced then; for it is manifestly unfair for a grown-up to compete with boys. But as the ruling now stands, I am certain a great many Chinese boys who would otherwise be taking part in the meeting are prevented from doing so.

Cannot Be Helped

OLD-TIMERS will tell you that when these annual meetings were inaugurated there was only one section. Of course in those days not many boys went in for athletics; but when they began to get interested the authorities decided to separate the older boys from the younger ones, and two divisions came into force—a senior and a junior section. Surely this is sufficient distinction? It has happened before, and will happen again, I dare say, that some of the older boys in the various schools have won most of the prizes, and those who were not eligible for the junior division and not good enough to challenge the senior boys have had to take a back seat. But this, many will agree, cannot be helped. At any rate, this arrangement seems fairer than the one by which boys are barred from competition. If a boy is still in school, I feel that he should be entitled to take part and the fact that he is 10 should not make any difference. If he is 21 or over it is a different proposition altogether; for then he has no business to be still in school.

Soccer Season

WITH the Football League championship decided last Saturday, the local soccer season is now virtually over. There remain, however, the forthcoming visit of an "import" team to Manilla, the play-off between Eastern and the Royal Navy for the runners-up position in

TIRES QUICKLY: MADE TO DO A LOT OF RUNNING

SPLENDID TENNIS TIE ON THE STAND COURT

(By "Abe")

One set was all that S. A. Rumjahn was able to win from Tsui Wai-pui on the stand court of the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday when the two old rivals met in the semi-finals of the Colony Tennis singles championship. But that one set in itself was an achievement for a man who was playing in his twentieth consecutive championship, and particularly in view of the fact that the local champion is now playing at the top of his form.

On his display yesterday Rumjahn might have beaten any other player in the tournament, but against Tsui Wai-pui, it simply was not good enough. The spirit was willing enough, but the flesh... well, it is not as strong as it was. Resting for more frequently than he used to do in former years, Rumjahn pluckily tried after the long first set, and though he won the second and later showed flashes of brilliance he never seemed likely to beat Tsui, who won in four sets by scores of 6-7, 2-6, 6-1, 6-3.

In that vital first set, which took such a great deal out of him, Rum-

jahn played as well as he had ever done in the championship, and his lead of 5-2 was well-merited. But he was unable to clinch the issue, and was pulled back to 5-5. Then when leading 6-5 he had a set-point which eluded him, and Tsui won the set as well as the thirteenth game to lead for the first time at 7-6. Though Rumjahn squared matters at 7-7, he could not prevent the champion from going out in the sixteenth game.

DESERVED HIS SET

Had this set gone to Rumjahn, the match might have taken a different turn. He went all out to get it and his failure to do so made his later task all the harder. His success in the second set, after going to a 5-2 lead, was well-deserved, but he was a very tired man by this time and victory, if it came at all, was still a long way off. As I said before, the spirit was willing but the body was tired, very tired. Now and then Tsui was left standing by shots which flashed across at great speed, but on the whole it was the Chinese who, standing in the middle of the court, dictated the terms.

Tsui was not only steeper in the majority of the exchanges, but brilliantly effective when Rumjahn came in, drawing out a top spin drive that was amazingly well gauged or passing the Indian with a cool shot near the side line. Furthermore Tsui's method of producing strokes was less calculated to exact physical strain than the sort of abandoned game that Rumjahn pursued, and this told its tale in the long run.

The third set was Tsui's without a doubt, and one rather fancied that instead of winning it to love he dropped the sixth game with a purpose—to further exhaust Rumjahn's resources.

LOT OF FIGHT LEFT

Still, the match was not to flake out tamely though what the final result would be was fairly evident. There was still a lot of fight in the old dog yet (one says this very respectfully, for no one could have failed to admire Rumjahn's indomitable spirit). But Tsui's game was

To-day's Tennis Cancelled

The semi-final match between Tsui Yun-pui and Lee Wai-tong will not be played this afternoon as the ground is unfit after this morning's rain.

If play is possible to-morrow, Lee, who is sailing for Manilla with the Hongkong Interport team, will meet Tsui Yun-pui and the doubles semi-final match fixed for to-morrow will be put back.

too sound and his strokes too well under control to allow him to crack up, and as Rumjahn failed to make him do much running he remained implacable to the end.

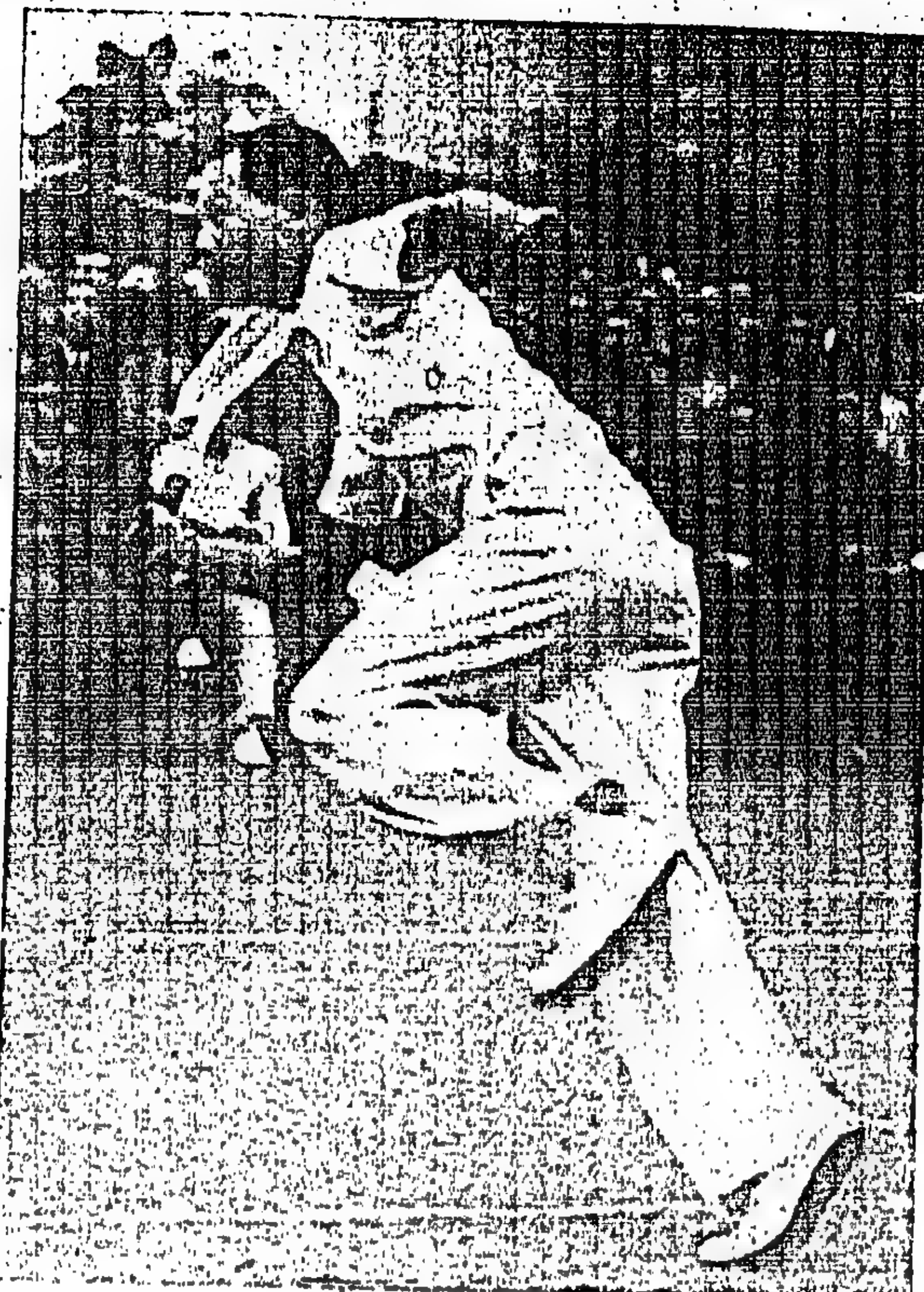
In the fourth set, which proved to be the last, Rumjahn won three games and at one time was level at 3-3, but his efforts were perceptibly weakening, and the champion went out in the ninth game.

TO-DAY'S MATCH

To-day the second semi-final match in the singles is scheduled to be played. The contestants are Tsui Yun-pui and Lee Wai-tong, both members of the Chinese R.C. If members of the Chinese R.C. can reproduce the form they displayed in the latter stages of his quarter-final tie with Ho Ka-lun on Monday, his indeed; but, again using that match as an illustration, if he plays as badly as he began in that tussle he may concede a lead to the Chinese soccer idol which may prove difficult to wipe off.

Southend Defeats Notts County

London, Apr. 26. In the southern section of the third division in the English Football League, Southend, at home, defeated Notts County by a goal to nil. —*Reuter.*



Put a bet on his head and this player may be mistaken for Jean Borotra, the "Boulding Basque." Actually, however, he is Birtar Rumjahn who, in his 20th year of competition, is still good enough to beat most players in the Colony. —*Staff Photographer.*

More Commentaries By B.B.C. During The Cricket Season

"It is hoped to cover the County Championship more thoroughly than ever, and there will, of course, be commentaries on the Test Matches between England and the West Indies and other important representative games."

In these words a B.B.C. official sums up the Corporation's plans to provide listeners to Daventry with commentaries on first-class cricket matches during the coming season.

All the seventeen figures in the County Championship will, it is hoped, be represented in the commentaries, most of which will be given by four critics well known to overseas listeners: Howard Marshall; P. G. H. Fender, a former Surrey captain and one of cricket's most astute tacticians; E. W. Swanton, a London sports journalist; and Michael Standing, of the B.B.C.'s Outside Broadcasts staff.

There will generally be two commentaries on each day's play—once just before the lunch interval, and the second about an hour before the stumps are drawn. For Test Matches, the number will be increased.

The first County Championship matches begin on May 6, when listeners to Daventry will hear commentaries by Howard Marshall and P. G. H. Fender on play in the Surrey v. Somerset and Gloucester v. Lancashire games, respectively.

Joe DiMaggio To Marry Film Star

Hollywood, Apr. 25. The blonde movie player, Dorothy Arnold, said to-day that she is marrying Joe DiMaggio, the New York Yankees' heavy-hitter, this summer. She said she met DiMaggio several times last year while slugging at a New York night-club. She said they have planned a quiet wedding and honeymoon after the baseball season. She will continue her film career. —*United Press.*



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Colony Badminton Stars Lose In Shanghai

First Series Taken By Clube Lusitano: Mixed Double Decides

Shanghai, Apr. 22.

Clube Lusitano ran out winners against Clube de Recreio de Hongkong in the Inter-Club Badminton Series when the local Portuguese took one of the two Mixed Doubles yesterday evening, thereby ending the competition with a final score of four matches to three.

The combination of Mrs. C. Bernal Silva and C. A. da Silva gave the Lusitano team victory by disposing of Miss O. Reberio and J. J. Remedios in three hard-fought sets with the tally reading 17-14, 12-15 and 15-11.

In the other match the local team of Mrs. A. A. Remedios and B. V. de Senna, went down before Miss M. Silva and M. A. Oliveira in straight sets by 15-8 and 15-12.

As Miss D. Eardley was still unable to turn out for an exhibition match against Miss M. Silva, the day's programme was headed by the Inter-Club Mixed Doubles.

The Men's Doubles exhibition was won by the Clube de Recreio players, J. J. Remedios and M. A. Oliveira, who easily triumphed over A. A. Costa and A. C. Sequeira by 15-8 and 15-5. To make up a programme of four contests the Markers from the different clubs in Shanghai staged an interesting doubles match.

Encouraged by the lead of 3-2 the local club was holding at the end of the second day's competition, Mrs. Silva and da Silva started out in convincing form against the Hongkong representatives. Shanghai gained the first point but was tied when Remedios slashed a pretty shot over the net.

The two Shanghai players were seen working with fine co-ordination and never allowed themselves to be put into a precarious position. As a result, the lead was on Shanghai's side. Hongkong fought grimly and twice cut down a four-point lead.

The first set was closed after 12-8 and the second after 14-10. In the last rally the Recreio team succeeded in tying the score at 14-14 but Lusitano was intent upon winning and made no mistake to reel off the required three rallies and finish the set.

After changing sides, Mrs. Silva and partner lost their grip. Although given a 3-1 advantage in the early stages of the second set, they came to a standstill, with Mrs. Silva making two errors to permit the score to be tied. Remedios put the Colony team in the lead by twice placing the shuttlecock in open spaces within Shanghai's half. Silva began to make mistakes, netting three shots.

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Herbert Marshall, Lynn Bari, Barbara Stanwyck, Cesar Romero, Jan Hunter and Little Johnnie Russell (left to right) enact a dramatic farewell in 20th Century-Fox's "Always Goodbye," showing to-day at the King's Theatre.

Army Boxing Tremendous Keeness Displayed

Some close and keen fights were seen in the semi-finals of the Hongkong Army boxing championships (Bouty), Army Robsart or Galatea II (Jones), Quite Contrary (Sirett), Tibbit (no jockey), Seaway (no jockey), Flyolley (Harry Wrang), Aurora (Perryman), Infra Red (Nevett), Olein (Lowrey), Her Silp-per (Richardson), Arsenal (James Doyle), Yakimour (Smirk), Killy Frisk (Thwaites), Romo (Sam Wang), Super Rod (Smith), Buoyant (Caralake), Sonlewench (E. Smith), Bulle de Savon (Bouillon), Curtain Call (Pat Beasley).—Reuter.

Boy Stevens and Boy Martin were seen in a good scrap. Both went for it hammer and tongs right from the start, and the fight was so fiercely contested that mid-way Stevens had to discard his shoes! The verdict went to Stevens.

A game boxer was Boy Myles who was knocked out in the third round by Trumpeter Brown. Despite a great disadvantage in height, Myles fought gamely and thoroughly deserved the loud applause of the spectators.

Supper Spencer was floored twice before he gave in to Gunner Spencer, while Boy Hilkene was fully extended by Boy Burns in a keen and clean encounter.

The finals will be held at Nanking Barracks on Thursday, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

The following were the results of yesterday's bouts:

Heavyweight (Boys)—Tpr. Griffla (16/1) beat Boy Laws (15/Scots) on points.

Featherweight (Boys)—Boy Hilkene (Mids) beat Boy Burns (R/Scots) on points.

Featherweight (Open)—L/Cpl. Noble (Mids) received walk-over from L/Cpl. McCusg (R/Scots), who was medically unfit.

Lightweight (Boys)—Boy Rowe (Mids) beat Boy Wilson (Mids) on points.

Lightweight (Open)—Gnr. Franklin (R.A.) knocked out Spr. Spencer (R.E.) on points.

Welterweight (Boys)—Tpr. Brennan (16/1) knocked out Boy Myles (R/Scots) on points.

Welterweight (Open)—Pte. McGready (R/Scots) beat Pte. Burke (Mids) on points.

World Championship

New York, Apr. 25.

The boxing promoter, Mike Jacobs, plans to match the winner of the Joe Louis-Tony Galento world heavyweight title fight on June 28 with the winner of the Lou Nova-Max Baer fight on June 1 for the title in September.—Reuter.

CUPID IN PHILADELPHIA

PHILADELPHIA.

The total of marriage licenses issued in Philadelphia during 1938 was the lowest since 1933. During the year, 12,865 permits were issued, compared with 14,103 in 1937; 13,380 in 1936; 13,035 in 1935; and 13,671 in 1934.

PROBABLE STARTERS, JOCKEYS

London, Apr. 24.

The following are the probable starters and jockeys for the two Thousand Guineas to be run on Wednesday:

Wave-length (Crouch), Light Velocity (Gordon Richards), Stragglaway (Beary), Amy Robsart or Galatea II (Jones), Quite Contrary (Sirett), Tibbit (no jockey), Seaway (no jockey), Flyolley (Harry Wrang), Aurora (Perryman), Infra Red (Nevett), Olein (Lowrey), Her Silp-per (Richardson), Arsenal (James Doyle), Yakimour (Smirk), Killy Frisk (Thwaites), Romo (Sam Wang), Super Rod (Smith), Buoyant (Caralake), Sonlewench (E. Smith), Bulle de Savon (Bouillon), Curtain Call (Pat Beasley).—Reuter.

Late Alterations

London, Apr. 25.

Landaff, Signal Light and Fairfax are omitted from the list of probable starters in the Two Thousand Guineas to be run to-morrow.

Amended probable and jockeys are Triguero (Weston), Gordon Richards, Rambo (Lowrey), Fair Chance (Mayer), Lomanous (Gothin), Atoumaltre (Cliff Richards), Diadoque (no jockey), Dispenser (no jockey).—Reuter.

PONIES CLASSIFIED

The following are the alterations and additions to the pony classification list issued by the Hongkong Jockey Club on March 20:

China ponies—Heckle View to "B" Class; Annis Bay, Hopeful Time and Soldier of Britain to "C" Class; Clowner, National Service, Some Hope and Thanksgiving Day to "D" Class.

Three Changes In Jockey List

London, Apr. 25.

Several alterations have been made in the list of probable starters and jockeys for the Two Thousand Guineas.

Pat Beasley now rides Casanova, Sebati rides Dispenser and Nevett rides Diadoque.—Reuter.

Contract Bridge Tourney

An enjoyable contract bridge tournament was held at the Kowloon Cricket Club last evening, despite a disappointing attendance.

Teams of East and West, North and South were opposed, eight hands being played at each table. East and West won by the handsome margin of 9,200.

Scores were:

EAST AND WEST

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Gray, plus 4,840; Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Stokes, plus 4,110; E. E. Nash and A. Moore, plus 2,950; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Keates, minus 2,740.

NORTH AND SOUTH

Mr. Clark and Mr. Shields, minus 1,150; Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Labrum, minus 1,470; Dr. Balean and Miss S.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

New York, Apr. 25.

The following were the results of matches played in the Major Baseball League to-day:

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Cincinnati	5	13	0
St. Louis	1	10	1

(Myers homered for the Reds).

Boston	2	7	1
Brooklyn	3	5	1
New York	1	5	1
Philadelphia	8	12	0

(Brack homered for the Phillies).

Pittsburgh	3	8	0
Chicago	5	10	0

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Philadelphia	4	8	4
New York	8	13	0

(Etten homered for the Athletics and Selkirk for the Yankees).

Washington	5	10	3
Boston	6	9	1

(Eleven innings were played. Fox homered for the Red Sox).

St. Louis	7	12	2
Detroit	2	6	0
Chicago	1	4	0
Cleveland	7	12	2

(Campbell homered twice for the Indians).—Reuter.

SCHOOL ATHLETIC MEETING

Preliminary Heats Run At Caroline Hill

Preliminary heats in the annual inter-school athletic meeting were held at the Caroline Hill Stadium yesterday, when the finalists in 11 events were determined.

Nine teams representing King's, Queen's, St. Joseph's, La Salle, Central British, Diocesan Boys, St. Paul's, St. Stephen's and Wah Yan were present.

The following will compete in the finals to be held on the same ground at 2 p.m. on Friday:

100 Metres.—C. Large (D.B.S.), J. Adwill (La Salle), Yuo Iu-tak (Wah Yan), Kwong Yung (Queen's), Robert Castro (La Salle), Chen Chung-chow (D.B.S.), Chan Sik-hung (Queen's).

200 Metres.—Lau Iu-tak (Wah Yan), Lo Jui-jung (Queen's), Wong Ki-lun (K.C.), Fenton (D.B.S.), Wong Ki-lun (K.C.), Lo Wing-chaak (S.S.C.).

400 Metres.—G. Kew (D.B.S.), Ronnie Castro (L.S.C.), A. Sequeira (S.S.C.), C. Large (D.B.S.), A. Leonard (S.J.C.), Chan Sik-hung (Q.C.), Robert Castro (L.S.C.), Fenton (D.B.S.), Sin Kwok-bun (K.C.), K. Singh (S.J.C.).

800 Metres.—O. Foon (L.S.C.), Adwill (L.S.C.), Wong Ki-lun (S.S.C.), Low Wing-chaak (S.S.C.), Wong Yiu-chung (S.P.C.), Golligan Yui (D.B.S.), Chan wan-kuen (S.P.C.), Chok Ying-yin (D.B.S.), Sarwar Khan (Q.C.), Khan Mohamed (Q.C.), P. Jorge (L.S.C.), Lam Kar-cheung (K.C.).

150 Metres High Hurdles.—Yu Chiu-hua (S.P.C.), B. S. Wilson (C.B.S.), Yung Sze-yee (W.V.C.), D. Hutchinson (D.B.S.), Leo Che-pun (S.J.C.), Paul, La Salle, D.B.S., St. Joseph's, and King's.

England Again Wins Lacrosse

England, by defeating Wales 21 goals to 5 at Bourne-mouth on April 21, again won the women's international tournament with an unbeaten record. Final positions were—

	P	W	D	L	F	A
ENGLAND	3	0	0	0	10	17
IRELAND	2	0	1	2	11	17
SCOTLAND	2	0	1	2	12	35

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AT THE KING'S

Strong Earthquake Rocks Lima

LIMA, Apr. 25.

One of the strongest earthquakes since 1932 occurred at 7.55 a.m. to-day.

The quake lasted for 50 seconds, driving many people into the streets in a panic.

There were no casualties.—United Press.

SPORT ADVTs

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 6th May, 1939 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; The Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 27th April, 1939.

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DOUGLAS S. S. CO. ANNUAL MEETING SAGRES SEIZURE DESCRIBED AS "ARMED PIRACY"

Outspoken criticism of the action of the Japanese naval authorities in detaining the steamer Sagres was voiced at the fifty-sixth ordinary general meeting of the Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., this morning, when Mr. W. E. Kirby described the seizure as armed piracy.

Mr. S. T. Williamson presided at the meeting and was supported by Messrs. H. J. Armstrong, H. V. Wilkinson and Sir Robert Ho Tung (Consulting Committee). C. L. Farmer (Secretary), T. Ramsay, W. E. Kirby, A. H. Potts, J. F. Wright, Jr., N. V. A. Croucher, Capt. A. H. Farrer, O.B.E., C. B. Brown, Capt. W. B. Poley and Hon. Yan-lam (shareholders).

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said:

"While being pleased to be able to present such a favourable report for the year ending December 31, 1938, this, as you will doubtless appreciate, has been largely due to the abnormal conditions prevailing on the Coast. Unfortunately there is no assurance that these conditions will continue. In saying this I do not mean to be pessimistic, nor do I intend to try and forecast the future, which is much too obscure. All we can do is to hope for the best.

The Fleet value stands at a very conservative figure, and we now have a reasonable reserve fund in hand to meet any unforeseen contingencies.

Coastal Business

During the first half of the year under review the Coastal Business was exceptionally good, but the latter half of the year showed quite a reduction in the ordinary merchant business on the Coast, principally due to uncertain trading, and to the exchange position which fluctuated widely between 100 and 195.

This, of course, is also reflected in our Coast Port earnings, though our various ports regarding the carriage of deck passengers.

The Selatan purchase referred to by the Chairman at the last meeting has proved to be well justified.

Due to the position at Amoy and Foochow, we had to extend our activities further north and found it necessary to charter the s.s. Sagres in order to maintain our regular sailings.

Seizure Of Sagres
I regret having to report a serious incident, which has arisen this month, in the unjustifiable seizure of the Sagres by the Japanese Navy, as reported in this morning's Press.

Although this incident did not take place during the year under review, it is mentioned at this meeting owing to its grave nature, and in order to keep shareholders advised as to the actual position.

Our investments have appreciated in value since December, 1937 and this appreciation is shown in the Accounts, and in the market rate as at December 31, 1938.

Staff Provident Fund

It will be noted that the interest and dividends on investments are shown at \$16,931.61. Actually the amount is a good deal higher, but in order to conform with modern practice we are departing from our previous method of anticipating dividends on investments—it now means that only dividends received during the currency of our financial year will be shown in the Balance Sheet in future.

At the last Annual Meeting, reference was made to the proposed formation of a benefit fund for our floating staff, provident or otherwise, and also regarding a bonus payment of 10% on salaries to be paid to certificated ranks with unbroken service during the year 1937.

Your Consulting Committee and General Managers now intend to fulfil their promise and have prepared a Provident Fund Scheme which, if the amount is approved at this meeting, will be implemented immediately.

The scheme consists of inaugurating a Provident Fund, the principal of which is that an initial starting grant will be made to the Fund by the Company for each certificated Officer now serving on our vessels with service prior to December, 1938—the sum placed to the credit of each member of the Provident Fund to be based on his length of service with the Company as at December, 1938, plus the 10 per cent. bonus granted for the year 1937.

The total sum necessary to start the Fund is \$97,701, which may appear a considerable sum, but your Consulting Committee and General Managers consider it reasonable and desirable to provide for the future of those who have served us faithfully and loyally in the past.

The Scheme will thereafter continue on the usual basis of the Employee and Employer making monthly contributions to the Fund. I trust this proposal will meet with your approval, as the Company is, I consider, now in a position to take this step in order to safeguard the interests of our employees, many of whom have served the Company for long periods.

I do not think there is anything further in the accounts to comment upon, so now beg to propose that the report and accounts as submitted be adopted and passed. As soon as this resolution has been seconded I will be pleased to answer to the best of my ability any questions Shareholders may desire to ask.

Credits To Management
Seconding the proposal Mr. Wright said:

It is with great pleasure that I also second the Chairman's speech.

DIVIDEND AND BONUS

AFTER PAYING all Running Expenses, Docking Charges, Insurance Premium and all Allowances, writing off Depreciation and transferring \$275,000 to General Reserve, Mr. S. T. Williamson disclosed at the Annual Meeting of the Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd. to-day that \$425,932 was available for distribution.

A dividend of 10 per cent. absorbed \$100,000, a further like sum being absorbed by a ten per cent. bonus. The remainder, totalling \$225,932, was carried forward to Next Account.

The splendid showing for 1938 reflects great credit on the Consulting Committee and General Managers and the staff ashore and afloat, and it is therefore an added pleasure for me to be able to endorse whole heartedly the Scheme for a Provident Fund.

Although the future of coastal shipping is always obscure the strength of the Balance Sheet as presented places us in a very strong position.

I therefore have pleasure in seconding the proposal that the Report, Accounts and Provident Scheme be adopted and passed. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Ramsay proposed, and Mr. Croucher seconded, that Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. H. V. Wilkinson and Mr. H. J. Armstrong be re-elected as members of the Consulting Committee.

On the proposition of Mr. Hon. Yan-lam, seconded by Mr. W. E. Kirby, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, and Messrs. Linstead and Davis were re-elected auditors for 1939 at a remuneration of \$1,000 each.

Policy Endorsed

Before the meeting closed Mr. Kirby said:

After perusal of the Company's Accounts for the past year I feel it incumbent on me to first compliment all concerned in the creditable showing, accomplished as it has again been, over a period of uncertainty and continuous strain.

Secondly, I would thank the General Managers for the different items of information tendered by the Chairman in his address and, mindful of certain submissions I made at the last annual meeting, I am particularly glad to hear of the inception of a Provident Fund for the Floating Staff. It is indeed a practical gesture by the General Managers which, I am sure, will be much appreciated by the staff and one which will have its resultant reaction in the inspiring of a greater feeling of confidence between both sides.

I do not think the General Managers will disagree with me when I submit that, in all professions we have two types of men: the one who simply does just what he's got to do and the other who enthralls interest into his allotted task. So it is with the Merchant Service; we have the man who more or less gets around in the ship and the other ship owner in getting the ship.

Hint To Others

If the managements of more British shipping companies operating along on China's coast and rivers would realise the implication of that point and act accordingly towards those to whom they entrust their ships, lives and property, then I am certain that a position which I have frequently experienced and whereby officers will accept service in some Companies only through sheer economic necessity, would no longer obtain.

As men of the world, I know there is no need for me to indicate to the General Managers which of the types I have referred to is the man worth encouraging, but the nature and conservative outlook of the average British seaman is such that he places far more value on the proverbial ounce of practical encouragement as against a ream of eulogy.

The getting of a ship around the China coast and adjacent ports today and under the circumstances as we know them, is certainly no sinecure and I would cordially thank the General Managers for this provision they have now made for the Floating Staff.

Unwarranted Detention

We are naturally very relieved to hear of the safe return of the master and crew of the Company's chartered s.s. Sagres after their trying experience.

This aspect, however, in no way absolves the Japanese Navy from the serious responsibility of illegally and forcibly seizing and detaining a British coastal steamer, the papers of which, I understand, were absolutely in order.

It would appear desirable that the Japanese Government be reminded that the waters of this Colony have been and are available to their merchant tonnage without let or hindrance and that every facility is, as it should be in that connection, extended to them. This is in direct contrast to the action of that Government in not only forcibly seizing and detaining the "Sagres" but also in subjecting her officers and ratings to an inquisitorial questioning.

Armed Piracy

In general, the further unwarranted action against British property simply amounts to armed piracy, although such reference may conflict with diplomatic niceties.

But in view of the fact that this latest outrage is only one of many recently on the China coast where British shipping is concerned, it would seem full time that His Majesty's Government informed the Imperial Japanese Government in no hesitant or apologetic terms that this continued interference with British merchant shipping pursuing its lawful occasions is not only a hostile gesture towards a nation with whom normal relations exist but it is also an unjustifiable policy which will not long be tolerated.

Until some such definite line of action is taken by the Majesty's Government there is not the slightest doubt but that interference with British shipping on the China coast at the hands of the Japanese Navy, will continue. While patience and restraint may be admirable qualities there is a limit and, I submit in all seriousness that the limit has now been reached. (Applause.)

A vote of thanks to the Chairman was proposed by Mr. Kirby after which it was announced that dividend warrants were now ready.

Many Drivers Fined

Exceeding Speed Limit In Wanchai

A fine of \$5 was imposed on H. O. Melchior, of Shouson Hill, by Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, at Central Magistracy yesterday, for driving a car at a speed of 28 miles per hour in Queen's Road East, Wanchai, on April 4.

The road was stated to be fairly clear at the time. Defendant had been driving in the Colony for 10 years, it was said, and had a clear driving record.

Summoned for driving a car through the closed portion of Chater Road on April 3, P. van Vliet, of Conduit Road, was cautioned. Mrs. van Vliet appeared to answer the summons and explained that her husband was a newcomer to the Colony and did not know he could not drive through that part of the road.

M. Talan, of the American Lloyd, Ltd., was fined \$2 for parking his car beyond the time limit of two hours in Pedder Street on April 3. For driving a car at a speed of 35 miles per hour through Hennessy Road, on April 4, L. W. A. Ingram, R.A., was fined \$5. He pleaded guilty by letter.

INEFFICIENT BRAKES
Tse Sheng, master of the Fu Sun bicycle shop, Hennessy Road, was summoned before Mr. T. J. Houston at Central Magistracy yesterday for allowing a bicycle to be hired without efficient brakes on March 20.

Traffic-Sergeant F. Appleton said the charge arose from an accident at the junction of O'Brien Road and Johnston Road, Wanchai, when a bicycle, ridden by a boy, ran into the side of a bus, resulting in injury to the boy. He examined the cycle after the accident, and found the rear brakes were useless.

Tse, who denied the charge, was convicted and fined \$25. Sgt. Appleton pointed out that many bicycles were hired to the public and proprietors were slack in complying with the traffic regulations regarding brakes.

Mr. Houston remarked that if Tse allowed his cycles to be hired while they were in an inefficient condition, there was always danger to the lives of the riders.

WOMAN INJURED

Injuries to the head were received by Lai Mui, 61-year-old woman, when she was knocked down by a taxi in Bulkely Street, Kowloon, last night. She was later sent to the Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

Franco-Spanish Agreement

Burgos, Apr. 25.
Delay in the execution of the agreement concluded between Count Jordana and M. Berard is sharply criticised by the Spanish press today, which points out that 60 per cent. of the North Spanish fishing fleet is still in French harbours. That means unemployment for 6,000 fishermen, and the daily loss of 3,000,000 pesetas.

Although release of the ships has been promised, only six out of 370 have returned up to date, it is claimed.—Trans-Ocean.



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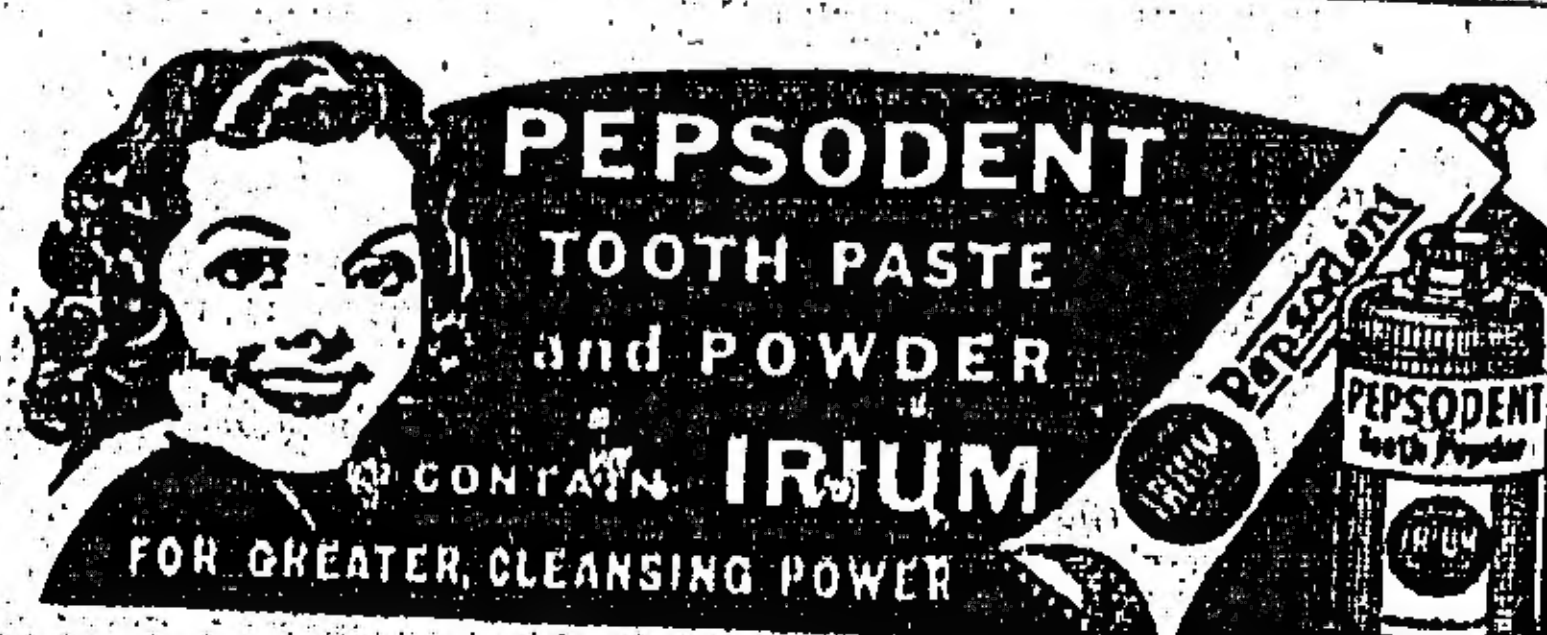
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Shanghai

Papers Cautioned By Consul

Shanghai, Apr. 25.
The Japanese authorities are dissatisfied at the measures taken by the British authorities in connection with the control of anti-Japanese propaganda organs in the International Settlement.

Following receipt of representations from the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Yoshiaki Miura, on April 14, the British Consul-General, Mr. Herbert Phillips, summoned on Sunday the representatives of Chinese newspapers under British registry.

The British Consul-General cautioned against the use of terminology likely to provoke Japanese, and asked the representatives to refrain from using such terms as "puppet" or "traitor," while such restrictions will not be necessary in foreign cables. Mr. Yoshiaki Miura, also requested the Shanghai Municipal Council on April 21 to prohibit the display of Chinese Nationalist flags in the Settlement and to suppress anti-Japanese propaganda in the foreign-controlled area.

PROTEST BY MAYOR

Mayor Fu Siao-en of the Chinese Special Municipality of Shanghai under the control of the Reformed Government sent a note to the French Consul-General, M. Baudez, on Monday protesting against the assassination of Mr. Wang Hsien, Secretary of the Municipality, by Chinese terrorists in the French Concession on April 17.

It is understood that the Mayor demanded the following:

Firstly, prompt arrest of the assassin or assassins.

Secondly, enforcement of effective measures for the search and control of terrorists in the French Concession.

Thirdly, participation of the police of the Chinese Municipality in the search of subversive elements in the French Concession.

The Mayor referred in his note to the assassinations of one police officer of the Special Municipality and one judge appointed by the Municipality in the French Concession on February 16 this year.

Reminding that the notes sent to the French Consul-General under the date of February 17 and March 10 with regard to the previous terrorist crimes have not been replied to, the Mayor requested the French authorities to forward replies promptly.

In the previous notes, Mr. Fu requested prompt arrest of assassins, search of subversive elements transfer of the Special District Court and prohibition of display of Kuomintang flags in the Concession.—Domel.

WOMEN'S A.R.P. UNION Lectures and Examination For Local Service

The offices of the Women's Air Raid Precautions Union are now in Exchange Building, second floor, telephone 20990, and all communications should be addressed there during 9.30 a.m. and 12.45 p.m.

A new course of lectures, by Mrs. Steele-Perkins, will commence today at the American Club, and will continue every Wednesday.

A new modified full course of lectures will commence at the United Services Recreation Club on May 2, and will continue every Thursday and Tuesday (not Fridays as stated previously). These will be given by Mrs. F. E. Dunlop.

An examination for the V. A. Air Raid Precautions course will be held on April 28, at 2 p.m. at the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps Headquarters, and anyone desiring to obtain certificates should attend.

At 10 a.m. on Friday at Volunteer Headquarters, Mrs. Steele-Perkins will take women through the gas chamber. All interested are invited to attend.

MR. W. R. GILBEY Noted Distillery Owner Visits Hongkong

Mr. W. R. Gilbey, grandson of Sir Walter Gilbey, founder of the large wine and spirits distilleries, has just left Hongkong for Manila. For some months Mr. Gilbey has been touring the world, meeting agents of the branches of the firm. Later, he intends to visit Australia where a new distillery has been opened.

Sir Walter Gilbey, who was a keen sportsman in Victorian England, will be remembered for his severe criticism of women's riding kit in Rotten Row.

SYRIAN QUESTION French High Commissioner Reports to Chamber

Paris, Apr. 25.
The French High Commissioner in Syria, M. Puaux, made a lengthy report to the Foreign Minister, M. Bonnet, on the Syrian situation yesterday. The entire Syrian problem is to be exhaustively discussed at a ministerial conference in the presence of M. Puaux to-morrow.

The Foreign Committee of the French Chamber in one of the next meetings will try to ask how far France could keep the promise given in 1936 by the popular front regime of M. Leon Blum to Syria regarding

HONOURS DEAD

Japanese Emperor At Yasukuni Shrine

Tokyo, Apr. 25.
Proclaiming a National Holiday, His Majesty, the Emperor this morning personally worshipped before the newly-enshrined war dead at the Yasukuni Shrine, in company with many Princes of the Blood.

The most solemn moment of the five-days Extraordinary Grand Festival was observed at 10.15 a.m. when, with the sounding of sirens as the signal, the entire one hundred million subjects of the Empire offered silent prayers as His Majesty stood at attention for one minute before the sanctuary in honour of the souls of 10,389 war heroes who sacrificed themselves for the State in China.

Over 20,000 members of the families of the war heroes packed the precincts of the Shrine.

Presented by the Grand Chamberlain, His Majesty offered a branch of the sacred tree to the altar. As the Emperor was offering silent prayers before the sanctuary, Her Majesty the Empress, and Her Majesty the Empress Dowager, also observed one minute silence in the Imperial Palace.

During the day, over one million citizens, including boys and girls, visited the Shrine.—Domel.

Bolivia

Becomes Latest Totalitarian

La Paz, Apr. 25.
According to reports from the Bolivian Republic, Lieutenant Colonel Busch yesterday decreed the dissolution of the Chamber and Senate, annulling the Bolivian Constitution. In a statement to the press Colonel Busch declared that the present parliamentary regime in Bolivia would be substituted by a totalitarian Government with the necessary economic and political powers.—Trans-Ocean.

President's Statement

La Paz, Apr. 25.
The President of Bolivia has announced that Bolivia is now a totalitarian State and that Parliament will be dissolved.

In a statement the President said that the change was necessary as the political parties were stirring up political strife in the country.—Reuter Bulletin.

Senate & Cotton Subsidy Plan

Washington, Apr. 25.
Mr. William Bankhead said today that the cotton subsidy plan would probably be taken up on Friday by the Senate appropriations subcommittee.

He was of the opinion that two or three days would be necessary to work out the details.—Reuter.

Britain Will See More Of Its Army

Mr. More-Bellish, Secretary for War, replying to a Commons question recently said it was proposed that an Army mechanised demonstration column should make a tour in June and July, and that displays illustrating progress in mechanisation should be on view at various exhibitions throughout the country.

LETTUCE LAND BOASTS

Salinas, Cal.
Salad statistics for 1938 show that the Salinas-Watsonville-Hollister area grew 49.6 per cent of all lettuce consumed in the United States last year. It totalled 21,431 carloads, which would make up a refrigerator car park last night.

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Japan

Military Pact Is Turned Down

Tokyo, Apr. 25.
Sources close to the Government assert that the Inner Cabinet has decided on a fundamental policy under which Japan will avoid participation in a general anti-democracy front unless the democracies' co-operation with the Soviet endangers Japan's Far Eastern position.

It is understood that agreement was reached after a stormy session providing for a compromise of a military alliance between Germany, Italy and Japan against the Soviet exclusively, provisions under which the alliance would be broadened in the event of other Powers being actively allied with the Soviet to menace Japan, and co-operation under the anti-Comintern pact providing for exchange of information on military supplies, details of which have not been settled.

The Inner Cabinet consists of five key members and recently it has been very intensively active. After deciding further details the matter is now before the full Cabinet.

Emphasis is placed on Britain's conversations with Russia and Turkey, on which there have been numerous reports and discussions. Col. Takesuki Isamura, military attache to Turkey, was engaged in a private conversation with General Itagaki for a hour and reported his belief that Turkey was unwilling to co-operate fully with Britain.

A German mission headed by Col. Mendel is at present in Tokyo, carrying out activities of a mysterious nature on which the German Embassy can throw no light. It is believed, however, that pressure is being put on the War Office for an alliance.

The Japanese military attache in Berlin and Moscow are at present in Tokyo, and also Mr. Nobumi Ito, former Ambassador to Poland and recently on a special mission to Berlin, will return soon.

In the background of the recent negotiations, Mr. Oshima Shiratori throughout the winter has been agitating for an alliance. On March 26 the Foreign Office instructed the non-compliance of a broad alliance. On April 4 Mr. Shiratori asked for further instructions on certain points which it is reported are now answered with an outline of the basic principles as stated above.—United Press.

INTENSE ACTIVITY

Tokyo, Apr. 25.
Political circles in Tokyo are focussing attention on the continuous and intense activity shown by Government leaders in recent days, reportedly in connection with the European situation.

In spite of the day being a National Holiday on the occasion of the Extraordinary Festival of the Yasukuni Shrine, five key Ministers of the Government met in an urgent session at the Premier's official residence this afternoon.

Premier Hiranuma summoned the Five-Minister conference including War Minister Itagaki, Navy Minister Yonai, Foreign Minister Arita, and Finance Minister Ishiwata, in the afternoon as a result of the interview between the Premier and the Foreign Minister in the morning.—Domel.

Green Howards Leave Palestine

HAIFA, Apr. 25.—THE 1ST BATT. the Green Howards Border Regiment is leaving for England this evening.

This is a routine departure, as relief battalions are en route, namely the 1st Batt. the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, and the 1st Batt. the Welch Regiment.—Reuter Special.

Mr. Killynery, China Light and Power Company, has reported to the Police the loss of his car No. 1422 from the Majestic Theatre car park last night.

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